

would show a person's location. In a 5-4 ruling, the court held that the Fourth Amendment's protections against an unreasonable search protects people from having the government acquire their cell-site records from wireless providers in run-of-the-mill criminal investigations. Chief Justice John Roberts sided with the court's four liberal justices, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, to make up the majority. Justice Anthony Kennedy dissented along with conservative Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch.

White House, Kremlin agree on time and place for Trump-Putin summit | 27

June 2018 | The White House and the Kremlin have agreed on a time and place for a summit meeting between President Trump and Vladimir Putin, a Russian official said Wednesday after talks here between the Russian president and national security adviser John Bolton. The details of the much-anticipated meeting will be announced Thursday, the official, Kremlin foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov, told reporters. The meeting is expected to take place in mid-July, when Trump will be in Europe for previously scheduled visits to Belgium and Britain..."Your visit here to Moscow inspires hope that we will be able to take first steps to restore full-fledged relations between Russia and the United States," Putin said.

US military indefinitely suspends two training exercises with South Korea | 22

June 2018 | The Pentagon announced Friday that the U.S. would indefinitely suspend two training exercises with South Korea as part of the Trump administration's push to negotiate for the removal of North Korea's nuclear arsenal. Pentagon chief spokeswoman Dana White said that the decision reached by Defense Secretary James Mattis and national security adviser John Bolton would be contingent on future "good faith" negotiations and developments with North Korea and Kim Jong Un's government.

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From: Monique Teal, Daily Kos

Subject: Add your name: No Supreme Court confirmations for Trump while he is under criminal investigation

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement could upend the rule of law and put our democratic institutions at even higher risk.

Donald Trump is a subject of a criminal investigation over collusion with Russia in the 2016 election. Key questions in this investigation could very likely end up before the Supreme Court – and decided by a new Trump appointee.

Sign and send a petition to your U.S. senators: No Supreme Court confirmations for Donald Trump while he is under criminal investigation

SIGN AND SEND A PETITION

Trump and his Republican bootlickers have been working overtime to derail Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. They have levied claims that the investigation is unconstitutional, that he can pardon himself, and that he is allowed to obstruct justice with total impunity. **One or more of these arguments will almost certainly reach the Supreme Court.**

Also of concern is Trump's record of demanding personal loyalty from those he appoints to key positions. He has already done so to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Attorney General Jeff Sessions in order to curb Russia investigation.

His incessant demands for loyalty from officials in his administration and Republicans in Congress make it reasonable to surmise that Trump would levy a similar demand from a Supreme Court Justice nominee – especially considering they may be a crucial vote in any legal action impacting the Russia probe.

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When Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch was nominated, the Russia investigation wasn't public knowledge. Trump hadn't spent more than a year railing against it and attempting to strongarm officials in his administration and Congress into ending it. But now, **Trump's own actions have created the appearance of conflict for any nominee, all of whom would now look as if they are another part of Trump's attack on the rule of law.**

There is so much on the line in addition to the Russia investigation: The right to privacy -- including abortion rights and surveillance of U.S. citizens. Health care.

Religious liberty for all. Voting rights. Immigrants' rights. LGBTQ rights. The Supreme Court is the last check on Trump's excesses. **Let's make sure the next justice is free of any semblance of bias by postponing the confirmation until the investigation is complete.**

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From: Ben Betz; Digital Advocacy Director, People For the American Way
Subject: Remember Merrick Garland? Tell the Senate NO VOTE on SCOTUS nominee!

NO VOTE on a new Supreme Court nominee until AFTER the election and AFTER the new Congress is seated in January!



The retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy -- the Supreme Court's last "swing vote" on critical issues like choice and LGBTQ equality -- gives Donald Trump the chance to drastically reshape the Court for a generation.

But Mitch McConnell set a *new standard* by blocking Senate action on President Obama's Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland until after the 2016 election. Now, especially with all that's at stake, the Senate should be fair and consistent and hold to that standard.

There should be NO hearing or vote on any new Supreme Court nominee until after the midterm elections and after the new Congress is seated in January!
Sign if you agree>>

Unlike President Obama, Trump is a scandal-plagued president who won his election under a cloud of foreign interference on his behalf, and he has shown an inclination to go with the most extreme policies and nominees at every turn. **The American people deserve a chance to speak via the democratic process before any new Supreme Court nominee is considered.**

McConnell is already saying he wants a vote on whoever Trump nominates by the fall.

US SENATORS: There should be NO hearing or vote on a new Supreme Court nominee until after the midterm elections and after the new Congress is seated in January!
Add My Name>>

This is a pivotal moment for our democracy.

We've seen a Supreme Court seat **STOLEN (by Mitch McConnell)... An election **STOLEN** (by Trump and the Russians)...**

Now, everything we care about is on the line -- because what the Supreme Court does touches *every* issue and *every* community.

A growing number of Democratic senators, including Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, are already calling for a delay in considering any new Trump nominee until after the election.

All senators -- especially Republicans and especially the leadership -- need to hear a massive groundswell of Americans calling for the same.

Add your name immediately to demand that any new Supreme Court nominee not be considered until after the election year>>

Right now, Trump has a "short list" of 25 potential nominees who are -- every single of them -- extreme and unacceptable.

The list is made up of unqualified, narrow-minded elitists who have passed Trump's rigid litmus test of being anti-choice and anti-health care -- that is, they would be reliable votes to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and strike down the Affordable Care Act.

Not a single nominee on that list deserves to be considered or confirmed on their own merits, and if Trump nominates someone from that list, you can bet your ass that we're going to FIGHT tooth-and-nail to keep them off of our Supreme Court.

All the more reason why senators should hold off on considering any new nominee until after the newly elected Congress is seated next year.

Make sure they hear it from you and they know how much you care about this.

Sign the petition now>>

From: Thomas Scott
Subject: Issues in Healthcare

- [Unlocked And Loaded: Families Confront Dementia And Guns](#)
- [Why some employers are turning to progressive health benefits](#)

From: Andrew Tierman
Subject: Trump appointee guts UN document on racism, says leaders don't have duty to condemn hate speech

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/06/29/politics/veprek-state-dept-un-racism/index.html>

Trump admin protests against UN language calling racism inconsistent with

democracy and calling for leaders to condemn racism, nationalism, and xenophobia, in true fascist form...bringing the US closer to the practices of fascism. All Americans need to . . .

From: Progressive Caucus
Subject: Trump administration JAILING immigrants:

Progressive Caucus Members Announce Bill to ABOLISH ICE!

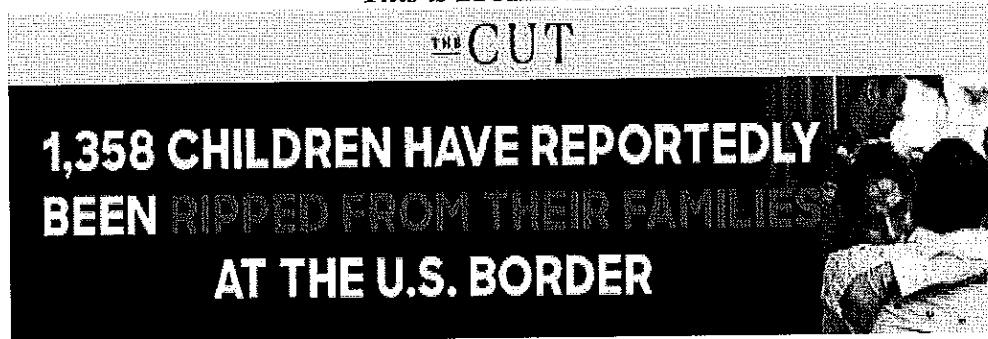
Under Trump, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has ripped families apart, thrown children in cages, and imprisoned refugees.

Its continued existence is a stain on our Democracy. So Progressive Caucus Co-Chair Mark Pocan just announced that he will be introducing a bill to ABOLISH it!

But to make his proposal a reality, we need 20,000 supporters to co-sign the bill to ABOLISH ICE:

STAND WITH PROGRESSIVES: ABOLISH ICE →

This is SICKENING:



With Trump's backing, ICE has abused their power in order to tear apart families, harass immigrants, and throw people in prisons.

This is monstrous. As Progressives, we have a responsibility to take action.

That's why Congressman Mark Pocan is introducing a bill to ABOLISH ICE, and

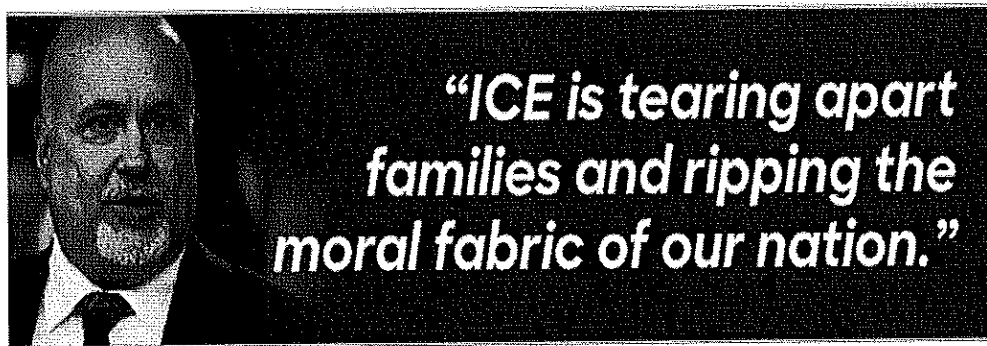
stop its abuses once and for all.

But to pass a bill like this, we need a wave of grassroots support.

So sign your name to co-sign the bill to ABOLISH ICE:

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Congressman Pocan recently visited a border detention facility run by ICE, and what he saw was HORRIFIC:



We owe it to immigrant communities throughout America to get RID of this abusive organization.

The stakes are too high not to act.

But in order to get Congressman Pocan's bill passed, we need 30,000 Progressives like you to stand with us.

Sign now to co-sign the Congressional bill to ABOLISH ICE:

SIGN ON: ABOLISH ICE →

From: Alert on MSNBC: Progressive Turnout Project

Subject: Maxine Waters DECLARED WAR against Trump on MSNBC [WE LOVE HER!]

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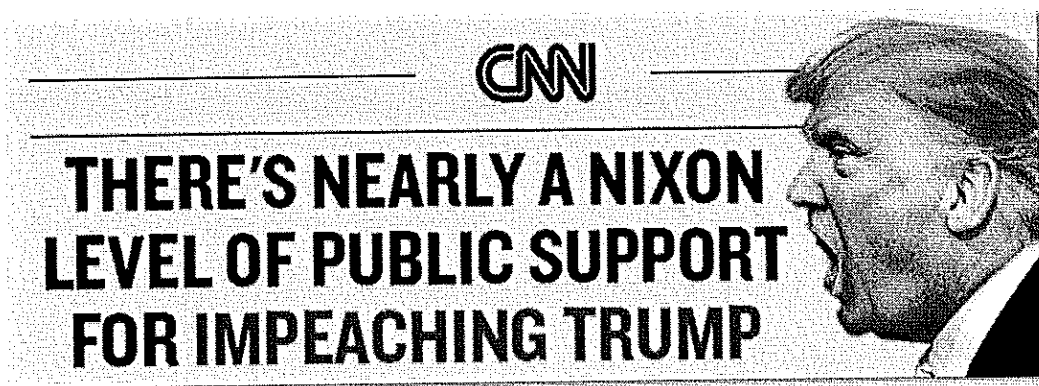
But Trump's launching NASTY attacks against Maxine, so we need 100,000 Progressives to stand with her!

Stand with Maxine: Demand Congress to IMPEACH Trump →

SIGN TO IMPEACH TRUMP →

We are SO sick of Trump covering up for his corrupt family members, defending white supremacists, and breaking the law.

And now, more Americans than ever support impeaching Trump!



Munsup, we need you to stand with Progressives. Will you add your name right now?

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Impeaching Trump won't just happen by itself. Please join us today.

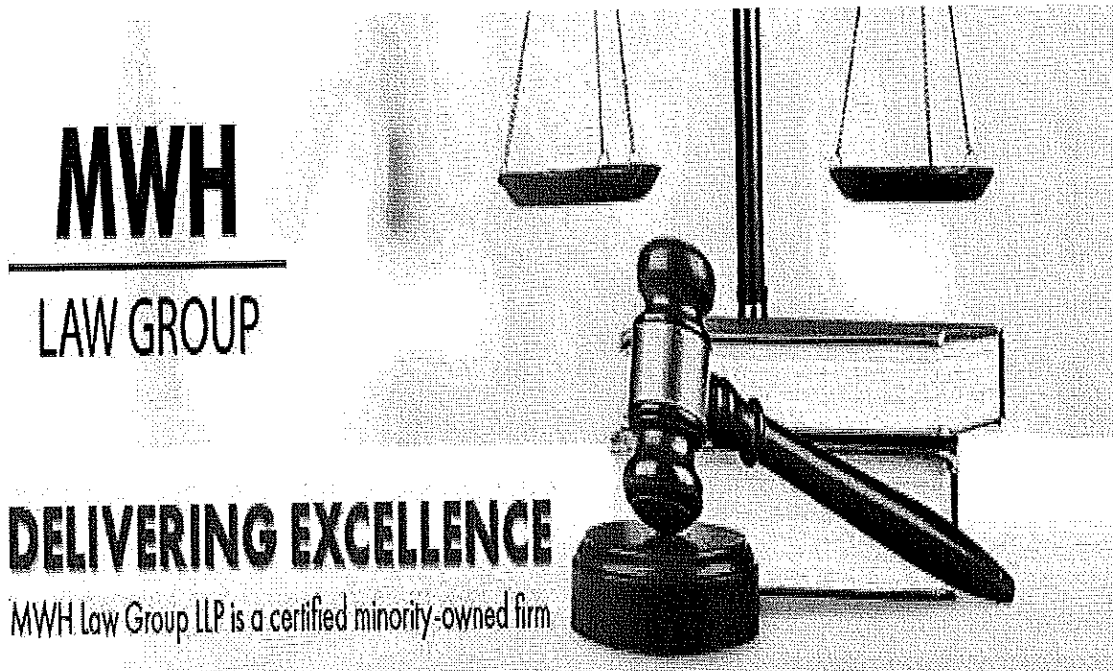
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Landmark Labor Decision by United States Supreme Court

By Julie T. Bittner - Partner, West De Moines, IA

In this week's landmark decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled that government workers who choose not to join a union cannot be charged for the cost of collective bargaining. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion and the court's conservative justices joined. [View case here.](#)

In *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31, et al.*, the Petitioner Mark Janus was an Illinois state employee whose unit is represented by a public-sector union. Mr. Janus refused to join the union because he opposed many of the union's decisions, including those taken in collective bargaining. Employees who declined to join the

union were not assessed full union dues but instead were required to pay an “agency fee” which was a percentage of the union dues (here 78.06% of full union dues).

The employees were not asked and were not required to consent before the fees were deducted. In Illinois, the nonmembers were told that the agency fee covered lobbying, social and recreational activities, advertising, membership meetings and conventions and litigation, as well as other unspecified services that “may ultimately insure to the benefit of the members of the local bargaining unit.” Mr. Janus sued challenging the constitutionality of agency fees. In his case, the fees amounted to about \$535/year.

This week, the Supreme Court held that the State’s extraction of agency fees from nonconsenting public-sector employees violates the First Amendment. In its decision, the Court overturned a 41-year-old decision, *Abood v. Detroit Bd. Of Ed.*, 431 U.S. 209 (1977) and overturns laws in 22 states.

In addition to the historic argument in *Abood* regarding ‘free riders,’ Respondents argued that mandatory agency fees were necessary for unions to bargain with an adequately funded budget and to improve the efficiency of the work force. Respondents argued agency fees are needed to prevent nonmembers from enjoying the benefit of union representation without shouldering the costs (free-riding). The Supreme Court rejected each argument in turn, finding that the government’s proffered interests did not justify the heavy burden of agency fees on nonmembers’ First Amendment interests.

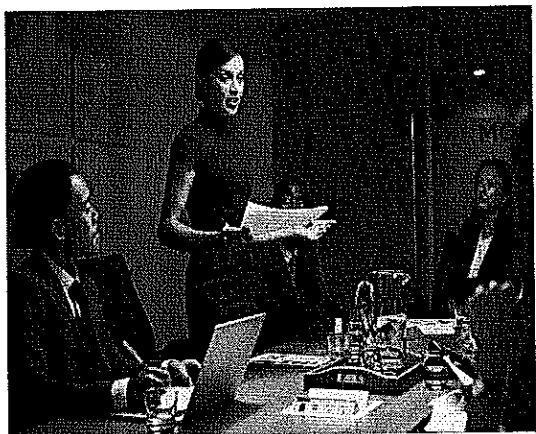
As a result, states and public-sector unions may no longer extract agency fees from nonconsenting employees. The Court held the First Amendment is violated when money is taken from nonconsenting employees for a public-sector union; employees must choose to support the union before anything is taken from them. Public-sector unions are still free to organize and represent their members, but cannot compel non-members to support their activities.

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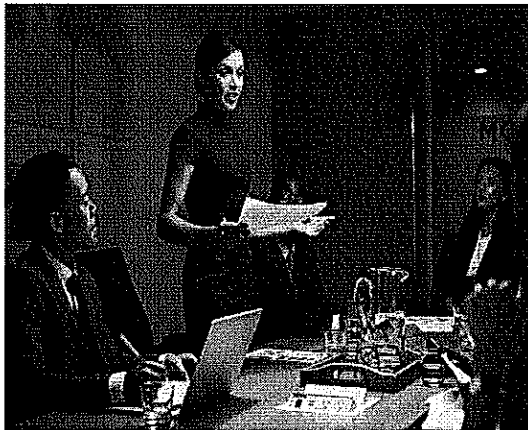
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Columbus, OH - The Buckeye Institute's Daniel J. Dew made the following comments regarding the Reagan Tokes Act, which was unveiled today by State Representatives Jim Hughes (R-Upper Arlington) and Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus), and State Senators Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) and Sean O'Brien (D-Bazetta). The act would move away from determinate sentencing and move toward indeterminate sentencing for certain offenses.

"Incentives matter, and the Reagan Tokes Act takes a step in the right direction in keeping dangerous criminals in prison longer and incentivizing inmates to get the rehabilitation and training necessary to become contributing members of society upon release," said Daniel J. Dew, legal fellow at The Buckeye Institute's **Legal Center** and an expert in criminal justice reform. "Ninety-seven percent of all offenders sent to prison will re-enter our communities

someday, and indeterminate sentencing incentivizes rehabilitation which will help keep our communities safer."

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Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 10/2/2017

Monday, October 2

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 121, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3

Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of William Sanderson, Ohio Housing Finance Agency

HB 52 **DEED SOLICITATION** (Rezabek, J.) To regulate the solicitation of certain deeds. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 120 **DEBT ADJUSTING** (Eklund, J.) Regarding debt adjusting (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

SB 121 **MAMMOGRAM COVERAGE** (Eklund, J.) To include tomosynthesis as part of required screening mammography benefits under health insurance policies. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 169 **TRAVEL INSURANCE** (Wilson, S.) To oversee the sale of travel insurance. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 199 **MORTGAGE LENDING** (Blessing, L.) To create the Ohio Residential Mortgage Lending Act for the purpose of regulating all non-depository lending secured by residential real estate and to limit the application of the current Mortgage Loan Law to unsecured loans and loans secured by other than residential real estate. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Bacon, K., 466-8064), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 a.m.

SB 195 **DOGS LAW** (Beagle, B.) To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 196 **BULLYING** (Williams, S.) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 130 **FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT** (Tavares, C.) To add two judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2018. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 150 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** (Brown, E.) To prohibit a person convicted of domestic violence or assault of a family member, or a person subject to certain protection orders, from having a firearm; to establish a procedure for surrendering all firearms in the person's possession; and to name the act the "Domestic Violence Survivors Protection Act." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- SB 138** **INMATE SEARCHES (Eklund, J.)** To authorize a corrections officer to cause a body cavity search to be conducted, to establish separate rules and restrictions for conducting strip searches, and to limit the right of any person to commence a civil action for a violation of the law governing body cavity searches and strip searches to violations related to body cavity searches. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SCR 6** **EXTRADITION (O'Brien, S.)** To urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and the Congress of the United States to compel Brazil to extradite Claudia Hoerig to stand trial for the aggravated murder of her husband, Major Karl Hoerig, and to request that the United States terminate foreign aid payments to Brazil if Claudia Hoerig is not extradited. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SCR 10** **GAULT DECISION (Thomas, C.)** To recognize 2017 as the fiftieth anniversary of In re Gault. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 171** **PROTECTION ORDERS (Hottinger, J.)** To increase the penalty that applies to the offense of violating a protection order under certain circumstances and to require electronic monitoring of those convicted of violating certain protection orders to be carried out by probation agencies. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 122, 2:30 p.m.
- **Presentation from Dr. Robert Applebaum of the Scripps Gerontology Center: "Policy Does Matter: Continued Progress in Providing Long Term Services and Supports for Ohio's Older Population"**
- HB 286** **PALLIATIVE CARE (LaTourette, S.)** To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, and to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)
- House Public Utilities (Committee Record) (Chr. Cupp, R., 466-9624), Rm. 116, 3 p.m.
- HB 239** **SECURITY RESOURCES (Smith, R., Carfagna, R.)** To allow electric distribution utilities to recover costs for a national security generation resource. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid (Committee Record) (Chr. Burke, D., 466-8049), South Hearing Rm., 3:15 p.m.
- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Joshua Cox, Benjamin Fields and Megan Marchal, State Board of Pharmacy; Michael Gonidakis, State Medical Board and Robert Schuerger, II, Ohio Athletic Commission**
- HB 145** **CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT (Huffman, S., Sprague, R.)** To provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 143** **DAY DESIGNATION (Eklund, J.)** To designate September 25 as 'International Ataxia Awareness Day' in Ohio. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 111** **MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENTS (Carfagna, R., Ryan, S.)** To authorize certain advanced practice registered nurses to have a person involuntarily transported to a hospital for a mental health examination. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Wednesday, October 4

Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

HB 118 **PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS** (Merrin, D.) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 186 **BUSINESS INCOME** (Peterson, B.) To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & Interested party)

HB 69 **TIF DISTRICTS** (Cupp, R.) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

House Transportation & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 10 a.m.

- Presentations on autonomous and connected vehicles from Jonathan Weinberger, VP of Innovation and Technology for the Auto Alliance and Josh Fisher, manager state government affairs for Global Automakers

Tuesday, October 10

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.

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Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.
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Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, October 11


Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

Ohio Retirement Study Council (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 228-1346), Rm. 121, 10 a.m.

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Sunday, October 1

Ohio Legislative Black Caucus 50th Anniversary events, Canton, (5:15-6:15pm: Welcome Reception & Hall of Fame Tours; 6:15pm-8:15: Program & Dinner; 8:20pm-10:00pm: Live Music with the Four Keeps; 10:00pm: After Party Reception at the M-Bar)

Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) fall fest fundraiser, Peterson Farm, 5564 Grassy Branch Rd., Sabina, 4 p.m., (\$25 per Person or \$50 per Family to Peterson for Good Government)

Monday, October 2

Ohio Legislative Black Caucus 50th Anniversary events, Canton, (10:30am: Golf Outing Start (registration begins at 8:30am); 1:00pm: First Ladies Library Tour (registration begins at 12:00pm); 2:00pm: President McKinley Museum Tour (registration begins at 12:00pm); 3:00pm-4:00pm: OLBC Cookout/Reception at the National Historic Clearview Golf Course)

Lobbyist and Employer Activity & Expenditure Reports for the May-August 2017 reporting period are due

OHROC Chairman's Cup golf outing fundraiser, Virtues Golf Club, 1 Long Drive, Nashport, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration; 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Host: \$5,000; Event Sponsor: \$2,500; Tee Sponsor: \$1,250; Foursome: \$1,000; Individual Golfer: \$250; Reception Only: \$100 to OHROC)

Tuesday, October 3

Ohio Domestic Violence Network to recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Museum Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 4

Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) & Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) fundraiser, Muirfield Village Country Club, 8715 Memorial Drive, Dublin, 8:30 a.m., (\$500 each committee to Troy Balderson for State Senate and Citizens for Stephanie Kunze) Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) cigar fundraiser, Lexi's, 100 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 4:30 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Anne Gonzales)

Thursday, October 5

Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) golf outing fundraiser, Hidden Creek Golf Club, 6245 Sugar Creek Lane, Lima, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration | 10:00am Shotgun Start. \$1,000 Event Sponsor | \$400 per Team | \$200 Tee Sponsor | \$100 per Golfer to Matt Huffman for Ohio)

Sen. Louis Terhar (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Schilderink residence, 9675 Cunningham Road, Cincinnati, 6 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Sponsor | \$1,000 Sponsor | \$500 Host | \$250 Couple | \$200 Individual to Friends of Lou Terhar)

Sunday, October 8

Sen. Steve Wilson (R-Maineville) family picnic, Warren County Armco Park, 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, 1 p.m.
Republican gubernatorial candidate forum, Genoa Baptist Church, 7562 Lewis Center Rd., Westerville, 7 p.m., (Sponsored by Citizens for Community Values and Salem Media of Ohio)

Tuesday, October 10

Rep. Niraj Antani (R-Miamisburg) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Niraj Antani)
Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) and Rep. Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville) fundraiser, Ringside, 19 N. Pearl Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Rezabek and/or Manning for Ohio)
Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Gold Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Matt Huffman for Ohio)
Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus), Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) & Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Lounge, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Citizens for Kevin Bacon or The Committee to Elect Joe Uecker)
Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) and Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Parlors A&B, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Friends of Matt Dolan Or Citizens for Hottinger)

Wednesday, October 11

Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) fundraiser, Dempsey's, 346 S. High St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Team West)
Rep. Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Terry Johnson for State Rep)
Rep. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 12 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Steve Huffman for State Rep)
Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy Township) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor D, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 Friends of Ron Young)
Rep. Tim Ginter (R-Salem) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Special Guest Former Speaker Bill Batchelder. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Tim Ginter for State Representative)

House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) fundraiser, Elevator Brewery and Draught Haus, 161 N. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor levels: Sponsor: \$2,500, Host: \$1,000, Guest: \$500, Friend: \$350 to Committee to Elect Fred Strahorn)

Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) fundraiser, Lexi's on Third, 100 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Friends of John Eklund)

Sen. Lou Terhar (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Fleming residence, 2374 Brixton Road, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Sponsor | \$1,000 Sponsor | \$500 Host | \$250 Couple | \$200 Individual to Friends of Lou Terhar)

Friday, October 13

OSBA Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association, 1700 Lake Shore Dr., Columbus, 9:30 a.m., (Registration at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Halle Malcomb, hmalcomb@ohiobar.org)

Tuesday, October 17

Republican Senate Campaign Committee pig roast fundraiser, Land Grant Brewery, 424 W. Town St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$10,000 Whole Hog Sponsor | \$5,000 Half Hog Sponsor | \$2,500 Loin Sponsor | \$1000 Bacon Sponsor | \$500 per Attendee to RSCC)

Rep. Michael Sheehy (D-Oregon) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor levels: Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Committee to Elect Michael Sheehy)

Rep. Adam Miller (D-Columbus) fundraiser, Capital Club, 41 S. High St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Supporter \$500, Attendee \$250 to Miller for Ohio)

Wednesday, October 18

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Gold Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 7:30 a.m., (\$2500 Event Chair | \$1000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Citizens for Lehner)

Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) fundraiser, Einstein's, 41 S High Street, Columbus, 7:30 a.m., (Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000; Gold Sponsor - \$500 or Suggested Contribution - \$350 to Friends of Sandra Williams)

Rep. Steve Arndt (R-Port Clinton) fundraiser, deNOVO, 150 S. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends for Steve Arndt)

Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Gold Sponsor \$2,500, Silver Sponsor \$1,000, Bronze Sponsor \$500, Supporter \$250 to Kathleen Clyde Committee)

Rep. Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald) fundraiser, Dempsey's, 346 S. High St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Committee to Elect Glenn Holmes)

Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) fundraiser, Scioto Country Club, 2196 Riverside Dr., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Special Guest: Senate President Larry Obhof. Event

Sponsor \$1000, Event Host \$500, \$150 per couple, \$100 per individual to Citizens for Stephanie Kunze)

Thursday, October 19

Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) fundraiser, Maumee Bay Brew Pub, 27 Broadway Street, Toledo, 4:30 p.m., (Friend: \$250; Host: \$500; PAC: \$1,000 to Citizens with Fedor)

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) shooting fundraiser, Vandalia Range and Armory, 100 Corp Center Drive, Vandalia, 5:30 p.m., (\$1,000 Event Sponsor; \$500 Lane Sponsor; \$100 per Person; \$50 Dinner only to Citizens for Bill Beagle)

Tuesday, October 24

Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Lounge, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$10,000; Sponsor: \$5,000; Host: \$2,500; Patron: \$1,000 to Friends of Ryan Smith)

Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) & Rep. Nick Celebrezze (D-Parma) fundraiser, Gresso's, 961 S. High St., Columbus, 7 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Nicholas J. Celebrezze and Jack Cera for State Representative)

Wednesday, October 25

Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chesterland) and Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to LaTourette for Ohio and/or Citizens for Gavarone)

Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) fundraiser, The Lounge at Latitude 41, Renaissance Hotel, 50 North 3rd Street, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Friend: \$250; Host: \$500; PAC: \$1,000 to Citizens with Fedor)

Thursday, October 26

Rep. Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald) fundraiser, Cimenero's Banquet Center, 123 N. Main St., Niles, 5 p.m., (Victory Sponsor \$1,400, Touchdown Sponsor \$700, Field Goal Sponsor \$300, Individual Tickets \$50 to Committee to Elect Glenn Holmes)

Sunday, October 29

Democratic gubernatorial debate, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus

Ohio Democratic Party state dinner, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, (Featured speaker: Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe)

Tuesday, October 31

Rep. John Rogers (D-Mentor on the Lake) & Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000,

Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Rogers and Committee to Elect John Patterson)

Wednesday, November 1

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) & Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) fundraiser, Einstein's Bros. Bagels, 41 S. High St., Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Emilia Sykes Campaign and Sykes for Office)

Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) and Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel and/or Kristina Daley Roegner for Ohio)

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Dave Greenspan)

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Rep. Bill Blessing (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,000; Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Individual: \$350 to Seitz for Ohio and/or Citizens for Blessing)

Rep. Bernadine Kent (D-Columbus) fundraiser, Lincoln Cafe, 740 E. Long St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Kent for Ohio)

Thursday, November 2

Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Medina) fundraiser, High & Low Winery, 588 Medina Road, Wadsworth, 6 p.m., (Special Guest President Larry Obhof. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Hambley for House Committee)

Wednesday, November 8

Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) and Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 Citizens for Duffey and/or Lanese for Ohio)
Sen. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (\$2,500 Chair | \$1,000 Host | \$500 Sponsor | \$350 Attendee to The Committee to Elect Cliff Hite)

Tuesday, November 28

Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) fundraiser, Pub Mahone, 31 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Scott Ryan)

Wednesday, November 29

Rep. Michele LePore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) fundraiser, Einstein Bros. Bagels, 41 S High Street, Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Michele Lepore-Hagan for State Representative)

Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Scott Lipps)

Ohio House Republican Organizing Committee fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to OHROC)

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Butler for Ohio)

Thursday, November 30

Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Monclova Township) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Derek Merrin)

Tuesday, December 5

Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) fundraiser, Ringside, 19 N. Pearl Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Gary Scherer)

Wednesday, December 6

Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to Citizens for Schuring Committee)

Wednesday, February 28

Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association Legislative Luncheon, Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. 3rd St., Columbus, 12 p.m.

Monday, June 4

Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association Golf Outing, The Lakes, 6740 Worthington Rd., Westerville

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TOP NEWS

Biden Blasts Garland Block, Says 'Biden Rule' Doesn't Exist

Vice President Joe Biden vigorously denied on Thursday that a 1992 speech, referred to as the "Biden Rule," advocated against Senate consideration of election-year U.S. Supreme Court nominees, saying Republicans using the speech as ammo against D.C. Circuit Chief Judge Merrick B. Garland's confirmation are ignoring a crucial detail.

FTC's Ohlhausen Blasts FCC's Restrictive Privacy Plans

Federal Trade Commissioner Maureen Ohlhausen rebuked on Wednesday the Federal Communications Commission's proposed plan for privacy rules for broadband service providers, saying they are restrictive and more in line with lobbyists' preferences than consumers'.

Koskinen Says Congress Needs To Increase IRS' Budget

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen called on Congress to increase funding for the agency, arguing Thursday that it efficiently uses its resources and that a continued funding deficit could lead to a significant downward spiral on tax compliance and federal revenue collection.

LAW FIRMS

Acosta
Akin Gump
Andrews Kurth
Arent Fox
Bailes Craig
Banner & Witcoff
Benesch Friedlander
Bilzin Sumberg
Boies Schiller
Carlton Fields
Cornfield and Feldman
Covington & Burling
Cozen O'Connor
Cravath Swaine
DLA Piper
Debevoise & Plimpton
Durie Tangri
Faegre Baker
Fish & Richardson
Foley & Lardner
Freeborn & Peters
Gibson Dunn
Goodwin Procter
GrayRobinson
Hanson Bridgett
Harness Dickey

III. High Court Tosses Chicago's Pension Reform Law

Chicago was left to ponder its next move Thursday after the Illinois Supreme Court struck down the city's effort to cut into \$26 billion worth of unfunded pension liabilities, ruling that a law to cut cost-of-living adjustments and increase employee contributions was unconstitutional.

FTC, Canadian Agency Ink Anti-Spam Cooperation Agreement

The Federal Trade Commission and a Canadian telecommunications regulator have agreed to boost cooperation on telemarketing regulation, pledging to work more closely on enforcing Do-Not-Call list rules and other regulations designed to protect consumers from unwanted telemarketing, the agencies said Thursday.

ANALYSIS

Bill Curbing EDTX Patent Docket May Have Legs In Congress

A Senate bill that would place new restrictions on where patent lawsuits can be filed would effectively shut down the busy patent docket in the Eastern District of Texas and could get enough support to become law, even though broader patent legislation has stalled, attorneys say.

FINRA Powers Could Shivel Under New Legal Challenge

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's oversight of the brokerage industry faces a potentially life-altering challenge as a new lawsuit claims the Wall Street-funded regulator has been enforcing securities laws that it was never given congressional authority to police.

Truckers Weigh Doing Business In Calif. Amid Tougher Regs

Commercial truckers running shipments in or through California are facing mounting economic pressures from the state's regulatory

Harris Wiltshire
Haynes and Boone
Hogan Lovells
Hughes Hubbard
Hunton & Williams
Jones Day
K&L Gates
Kaplan Kirsch
Kellogg Huber
Kirkland & Ellis
Krislov & Associates
Laner Muchin
Latham & Watkins
Lathrop & Gage
Levine Sullivan
Littler Mendelson
Long & Levit
Mayer Brown
McDermott Will
Michael Best
Miller Barondess
Mintz Levin
Morgan Lewis
Munger Tolles
Munsch Hardt
Nixon Peabody
Norton Rose Fulbright
O'Melveny & Myers
Ober Kaler
Ogletree Deakins
Orrick Herrington
Patterson Belknap
Paul Hastings
Paul Plevin
Perkins Coie
Porter Hedges
Proskauer Rose
Schiff Hardin

and litigation climate that has targeted their way of doing business, experts say, driving companies to rethink their operations or pull out from the market.

W.Va. Hospital Law Tests State Strategy For Antitrust Shield

A new West Virginia law designed to protect a hospital merger from antitrust enforcement could set a precedent encouraging similar legislation in other states, particularly if the law succeeds in chasing away the Federal Trade Commission, attorneys say.

3 Ways Law Firms Are Homing In On Cuba

Relations between the U.S. and Cuba continue to thaw with President Barack Obama recently visiting the island nation, potentially further paving the way for companies and law firms to embark on new opportunities there. Here are three strategies that many U.S. lawyers and law firms are taking to position themselves for future work.

NC 'Bathroom' Law To Push Bias Claims Out Of State Court

A hastily enacted North Carolina law that undid a Charlotte anti-discrimination ordinance that in part allowed transgender people to use the restroom of their choice could potentially limit access to state courts for employees trying to pursue a wide range of discrimination claims, including those related to race and gender, plaintiffs attorneys say.

BANKING & SECURITIES

Regulators Aiming For More Uniform Bank Risk Measures

Global banking regulators on Thursday pushed forward with plans to limit the way banks use their own internal risk models to determine the amount of capital they retain amid concerns that

Scopelitis Garvin
Sidley Austin
Skadden
Squire Patton Boggs
Strasburger & Price
Taft Stettinius
Ulmer & Berne
Vinson & Elkins
Wachtell Lipton
Watts Guerra
Weil Gotshal
Wiggins Childs
Williams & Connolly
Winston & Strawn

COMPANIES

3M Company
ABF Freight System Inc.
AT&T Inc.
AbbVie Inc.
Accel Partners
Advent International Corp.
Aetna Inc.
Amazon.com Inc.
America Fujikura Ltd.
America's Health Insurance Plans
American Civil Liberties Union
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
American Medical Association Inc.
American Trucking Associations Inc.
Amgen Inc.
Anthem Inc.
Biogen Inc.
BlueCross BlueShield of Texas
Cargill Inc.

large financial institutions are trying to game the system.

SEC Judges Have Limited Power, Agency Tells DC Circ.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission urged the D.C. Circuit on Wednesday to reject a banned former money manager's claims that its in-house judges are unconstitutional, saying the system as it stands offers the balance that Congress intended.

Senate Dems Push Regulators On Pot Biz Banking

A group of four Senate Democrats on Thursday asked federal financial regulators to provide more clarity about how banks and credit unions can provide services to legal marijuana businesses without facing potential enforcement actions.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Enviros Blast Feds' Pacific Offshore Fracking Review

Environmentalists who brokered a deal with U.S. offshore regulators to stop permitting hydraulic fracturing and other drilling activities in the Pacific Ocean until performing a sweeping environmental review ripped the initial version of that review Wednesday, saying regulators wrongly concluded that fracking won't significantly impact the environment.

NJ Senator, Enviros Call For ExxonMobil Probe

New Jersey state Sen. Raymond J. Lesniak and a group of environmentalists have joined the chorus calling for an investigation into Exxon Mobil Corp.'s alleged deceptive statements and practices regarding the oil giant's role in climate change

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Center for Biological Diversity Inc.
CenturyLink Inc.

Chevron Corporation

Community Bank

Competitive Carriers Association

Conservation Law Foundation

Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Dow Chemical Co.

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

Exxon Mobil Corporation

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Inc.

Florida Bar Association

Frontier Communications Corporation

Gilead Sciences Inc.

Google Inc.

Health Care Service Corp.

Hub Group Inc.

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Kellogg Company

Lockheed Martin

McGraw Hill Financial Inc.

Merck & Co Inc.

Morgan Stanley

Mortgage Bankers Association

NFL Enterprises LLC

NJ Transit Corp.

National Association of Manufacturers

National Collegiate Athletic Association

National Hockey League

National Railroad Passenger Corporation

National Restaurant Association

Natural Resources Defense Council

Ariz. AG, Med. Board Can't Duck 'Reversing' Abortions Suit

An Arizona federal court on Wednesday said abortion clinics, including Planned Parenthood, and physicians have the right to sue the state over part of a law requiring doctors to inform patients that certain abortions can be reversed, but ordered the suit to be narrowed.

Sandoz Shreds AbbVie's 'Misleading' Biosimilar Petition

Sandoz is tearing into AbbVie's recent call for the FDA to require exhaustive research before deeming biosimilars interchangeable with brand-name counterparts, saying it relies on "misrepresented and misleading" information.

India Won't Cease Controversial Drug- Licensing Policy

The Indian government on Tuesday firmly denied reports that it will stop issuing compulsory licenses that enable generic drug companies to make affordable versions of name-brand medicines without the permission of the patent holder.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Amtrak, Port Authority Pony Up \$70M To Fast-Track Rail Tunnel

State and federal officials announced a series of agreements Wednesday to accelerate a massive project to overhaul critical rail infrastructure in New York and New Jersey, including \$70 million from Amtrak and the regional port authority for a new Hudson River tunnel.

LaGuardia, Newark Liberty Score Key Port Authority Approvals

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on Thursday authorized more than \$5 billion for a construction project that will create a unified terminal at LaGuardia Airport through a public-private partnership and for a plan to replace a

Northwell Health Inc.
Novartis AG
Partners Group AG
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Penske Corp.
PhRMA
Planned Parenthood Federation
Pom Wonderful LLC
Riddell Sports Group Inc.
Roll Global
Securus Technologies Inc.
Sierra Club
Skanska
Southwest Bancorp, Inc.
Space Exploration Technologies Corp.
Sprint Nextel Corporation
Tenet Healthcare Corporation
Texas Health Resources Inc.
The Boeing Company
The Coca-Cola Company
The Valspar Corporation
Tri-Valley Corp.
Twitter Inc.
Tyson Foods Inc.
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United Launch Alliance LLC
United Parcel Service Inc.
Verizon Communications
World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.
Yahoo! Inc.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Arizona Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

dated Newark Liberty International Airport terminal.

DC Circ. Nixes Cargo Pilots' Challenge To FAA Fatigue Rule

A D.C. Circuit panel on Thursday tossed a lawsuit brought by cargo plane pilots challenging the Federal Aviation Administration's decision to exclude them from new rest period requirements meant to prevent pilot fatigue, saying the exclusion was based on a reasonable cost-benefit analysis.

INSURANCE

5th Circ. Won't Rehear \$20M Aetna Late Payment Suit

The Fifth Circuit on Thursday said it won't rehear its decision that a network of Texas hospitals can't seek \$20 million in late payment penalties from Aetna Life Insurance Co. because a prompt payment law doesn't apply to the insurer's administration of self-funded plans

EMPLOYMENT

Ill. High Court Nixes \$53M In State Worker Back Pay

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the state does not have to pay nearly \$53 million to employees who went two years without a bargained-for 2 percent wage increase, saying that lawmakers' failure to fund the increase defeated contract claims brought by union representatives.

NC Transgender 'Bathroom' Law Bars Local Wage, Bias Laws

The North Carolina Legislature passed a sweeping bill Wednesday that blocks local governments from granting civil rights protections to LGBT individuals and passing minimum-wage requirements that are higher than those decided at the state level.

Delaware Nation
Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of Labor
Department of the Interior
Energy Information Administration
Environmental Protection Agency
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council
Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.
Federal Reserve System
Federal Trade Commission
Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
Food and Drug Administration
Government Accountability Office
Illinois Department of Transportation
Interior Board of Indian Appeals
Internal Revenue Service
National Credit Union Administration
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs
Office of Management and Budget
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Securities and Exchange Commission
U.S. Air Force

AFSCME To Fight Ill. Arbitrator's Decision Allowing Layoffs

The Illinois council of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees said Thursday it will fight an arbitrator's decision allowing the layoffs of more than 100 state employees amid a budget standoff.

Revised OSHA Standards Slash Silica Exposure Limits

The U.S. Department of Labor on Thursday unveiled finalized Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards that dramatically restrict worker exposure to silica dust, a known cause of lung disease and cancer, imposing tighter standards on a wide range of industries, from construction to oil and gas production.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

NFL Gave \$300K To Reps Reviewing Concussions: Report

The NFL's political action committee has given nearly \$300,000 since 2008 to members of the U.S. House committee that recently held a roundtable on concussion research amid litigation over player head injuries, according to nonpartisan political research organization MapLight.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

DOD Watchdog Probing Ex-ULA Exec's Comments on Bid Bias

The U.S. Department of Defense's internal watchdog has announced a probe into "assertions" a United Launch Alliance executive made shortly before resigning last week that Sen. John McCain said showed potential favoritism for ULA over SpaceX for military launches.

GAO Urges More Cost Oversight On DOD's F-35 Upgrade

U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Department of the Treasury
U.S. Supreme Court
Wage and Hour Division

The modernization of the F-35 fighter jet has grown so expensive that the U.S. Department of Defense should separate the project from the budget for the jet itself in order to better secure funds and ensure cost controls, the Government Accountability Office told Congress on Wednesday.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Administration Ignoring New Trade Law, Senators Claim

A bipartisan coalition of 22 U.S. senators has claimed that the Obama administration is not fully enforcing an expansive overhaul of the trade remedy laws passed last year, badly hampering domestic companies who rely on those enforcement mechanisms to counteract unfairly priced imports.

TAX

IRS Fumbling Public Tips On Tax Dodging, GAO Report Finds

The Internal Revenue Service is disorganized when it comes to handling reports from the public on allegations of tax cheating, with several overlapping referral programs and ineffectual management, a review by the U.S. Government Accountability Office released Thursday found.

South Dakota Gov. Signs Controversial 'Amazon Tax' Bill

South Dakota Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed a bill seeking to overturn decades-old U.S. Supreme Court precedent that limits states' ability to collect sales and use taxes from out-of-state sellers such as Amazon.com Inc.

Yale To Fight Conn. Proposal To Revoke Tax-Exempt Status

Yale University has vowed to challenge the constitutionality of two Connecticut bills that propose to revoke the nonprofit university's tax-

exempt status for its \$25.6 billion endowment fund and properties, and that are also being opposed by the state's bioscience industry.

BANKRUPTCY

Christie, NJ Assembly Speaker In Stalemate Over AC Bill

The fate of proposed legislation authorizing a state takeover of Atlantic City's struggling finances seemed dismal Thursday when Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto and Gov. Chris Christie refused to reconcile competing visions for the bailout bill, a stalemate that comes as the clock ticks toward a city shutdown.

NATIVE AMERICAN

DOI Panel Says BIA Must Weigh Okla. Tribal Land Partition

A U.S. Department of the Interior board has overturned a Bureau of Indian Affairs official's decision not to act on an Oklahoma tribe's bid to divvy up trust lands it shares with two fellow tribes, saying that a leadership dispute at one of the other tribes didn't justify the delay.

Iowa Tribe Says It Wasn't Consulted On Bakken Pipeline

The Iowa tribe of Kansas and Nebraska has blasted the state of Iowa and a pipeline developer for allegedly failing to consult with it on the preservation of historic and cultural sites that may be along the route of a crude oil pipeline that it recently approved.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

GOP Lawmaker Tells FCC To Cut Off The Power Grab

A Republican congresswoman said Wednesday that the Federal Communications Commission has pursued the "nuclear option" on a range of issues, from net neutrality and privacy rules to the set-top box proposal and municipal

broadband, leading to broad frustration from Congress and within the telecommunications industry.

FCC Inmate Call Rate Order Again Halted At DC Circ.

The Federal Communications Commission's efforts to cap rates for calls from prisons and jails hit another snag Wednesday when a D.C. Circuit voted to lift regulations on the price of such calls until it decides the validity of the FCC order implementing them.

Sprint Urges FCC To Adopt Special Access Price, Terms Regs

Sprint Corp. has returned to the Federal Communications Commission to press the agency to put in place regulations on prices, terms and conditions for older carriers in the agency's review of the special access market, saying they are improperly dominating it

PEOPLE

Pa. Senator Slams Measure To Up Judicial Retirement Age

A Pennsylvania state senator said Thursday that recent judicial scandals and a lack of diversity on the bench caused him to withdraw his support from a proposed constitutional amendment to raise the state's mandatory retirement ages for judges from 70 to 75.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Congress Holds Keys To Puerto Rico's Comprehensive Relief

Even a victory in the U.S. Supreme Court will not resolve the troubled state of Puerto Rico's public corporations, much less of the commonwealth as a whole. Puerto Rico's best bet for an all-inclusive solution to its debt crisis remains, as ever, with Congress, say attorneys with O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

Existing Oil And Gas Sources Could Face More Methane Pain

Recently proposed methane regulations from the U.S. and Canada would likely result in significant new costs for existing oil and gas sources. The proposal would be the first rule that directly regulates methane at current sources and could potentially impose a uniform federal standard across the entire U.S., say attorneys at Vinson & Elkins LLP.

5 Administrative Law Myths Employment Pros Should Consider

With several critical employment-related regulatory actions on the horizon, it is important that employment practitioners are up to speed on applicable administrative law principles. Christopher Wilkinson and David Smith at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP debunk five aspects of administrative law they feel are commonly misconstrued.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

How To Land That Billion-Dollar Client

Every associate dreams of landing a billion-dollar client, but that's easier said than done in this era of high competition and higher stakes. There's no magic formula for joining the 10-figure club, but those who have done it say there are several habits that can dramatically help your odds of admission.

Only 20% Of Recent Grads Say Law Degree Really Worth It

While 75 percent of those who graduated in the 1960s and 1970s strongly agree their law degree was worth it, only 20 percent of recent graduates said the same, according to a study published Thursday, though graduates generally found law school was worthwhile

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Williams & Connolly LLP, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP and Durie Tangri LLP attorneys lead

our pack of legal lions this week after scoring a trial victory for Merck that could land the drug company a \$2 billion windfall while the Hunton & Williams LLP and Sidley Austin LLP teams representing Tyson saw a major setback in the U.S. Supreme Court that earned them a place among our legal lambs.

Nixon Peabody Pocketed 13.3% More Revenue Last Year

Nixon Peabody LLP posted 13.3 percent gross revenue growth in 2015 after ushering in the year with a marriage to Chicago heavyweight Ungaretti & Harris and finishing it up by inking a strategic partnership in Hong Kong.

How Elite Law Firms Cash In As PE Funds Go Big

There is an increasing number of private equity funds raising billions of dollars rather than millions, but experts say only a handful of law firms have proven they are capable of handling the complex, demanding and ever-changing requirements necessary to land such coveted gigs. Here, heavy-hitters detail how their firms reel in work on these 10-figure endeavors.

Calif. Jury Nixes Grad's Claims Law School Boosted Job Stats

A California state jury on Thursday found in favor of San Diego-based Thomas Jefferson School of Law in a former student's suit claiming that the school purposefully misrepresented the job success of its alumni to prospective students to fool them into attending.

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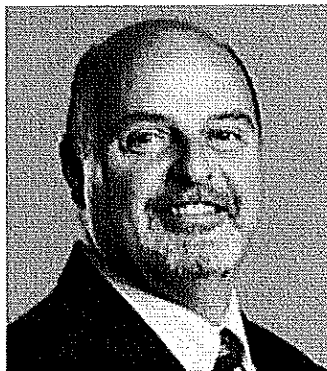
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Three leaders join Policy Matters board

Melissa Cropper, Chris Mabe and Indigo Bishop to help steer institute

Policy Matters Ohio is pleased to welcome extraordinary new board members Melissa Cropper, Chris Mabe and Indigo Bishop.

Melissa Cropper is president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers, which represents 20,000 educators and support staff across Ohio. Melissa was a librarian in Georgetown, Ohio, is a leader at state and national levels, and is particularly concerned about children in poverty. "Melissa is at the forefront of making sure that Ohio's lowest-income students receive top quality teaching in an environment that respects the whole child," said Amy Hanauer, executive director of Policy Matters. "We're extremely grateful that she is willing to lend her valuable time to our organization."



Chris Mabe is president of the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, a graduate of the Harvard University Trade Union Program and worked as a corrections sergeant at the Lorain Correctional Institution. From Grafton, Mabe is an international vice president of AFSCME international and occupies the prestigious labor seat on the Ohio Department of Veterans' Services Committee. "Chris is an innovative worker-leader who works to reduce over-incarceration, make Ohio's correctional institutions safer and more effective, and improve the prospects for successful re-entry of formerly incarcerated adults into society," Hanauer said.

Indigo Bishop is Cleveland action strategist for IOBY (In Our Back Yard), and a rising neighborhood and civic leader. A lifelong Cleveland resident, Indigo mobilizes neighbors who have good ideas to become powerful citizen leaders, making change in their own backyards. "Indigo brings a special understanding of how neighbors come together to revitalize their communities, and we are eager to work with her to create policies that help generate that kind of action," Hanauer said.



"Chris, Indigo and Melissa are three phenomenal leaders from across Ohio who will bring insight, energy, and commitment to our board of directors," said Kamla Lewis, chair of the Policy Matters nominating committee. "We are happy to welcome them to Policy Matters."

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TOP NEWS

House Passes \$619B Defense Spending, Reform Bill

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the combined version of the National Defense Authorization Act on Friday, the \$619 billion annual spending and reform package for the armed forces, after agreements with the Senate dropped many of the most controversial provisions.

Bill Forthcoming To Help Protect 'Dreamers,' Durbin Says

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., confirmed Thursday that he is collaborating with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., to introduce a bill that could protect young immigrants in the country without legal permission, often referred to as "Dreamers," amid concerns the Trump administration will cancel the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Analysis

Trump May Yield Pullback On IP, Antitrust Enforcement

U.S. antitrust watchdogs may become less aggressive on mergers and intellectual property issues under the incoming Trump administration as conservative antitrust veterans like Josh

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DLA Piper
Davis Polk
Debevoise & Plimpton
Dechert
Dentons
Dowd Bloch
Durie Tangri
Epstein Becker Green
Finnegan
Freshfields
Fried Frank
Gibson Dunn
Goulston & Storrs
Holland & Hart
Holwell Shuster

Wright and Maureen Ohlhausen look primed to play a key role in shaping enforcement.

Commission Lays Out Plan For Trump To Tackle Cyberthreats

A presidential committee tasked with developing a plan to strengthen the nation's cybersecurity urged the incoming administration Friday to take immediate action to safeguard information systems by encouraging the public and private sectors to expand their collaboration in combating cyberthreats and the risks posed by the internet of things.

Analysis

Contentious Estate Transfer Rules May Remain Under Trump

Despite multiple calls for the IRS to withdraw proposed regulations that value transferred interests for estate tax purposes, as well as Republicans' stated intent to repeal the so-called death tax altogether, experts say the controversial regulations may be here to stay as they also apply to the gift tax, which remains an important revenue tool.

EPA Floats Hardrock Mining Financial Responsibility Rule

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday proposed a rule that would require owners and operators of hardrock mining facilities to prove they're financially capable of paying for cleanup or reclamation efforts associated with their businesses.

DOL Asks 5th Circ. For Quick Hearing On Blocked OT Rule

A day after giving notice of its appeal of a preliminary injunction blocking a new overtime pay threshold, the U.S. Department of Labor on Friday asked the Fifth Circuit to expedite the proceedings, saying delaying the Dec. 1 implementation date denied added pay to millions of workers.

Analysis

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Latham & Watkins

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Milbank Tweed

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Peckar & Abramson

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AT&T Inc.

Abbott Laboratories

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American Civil Liberties Union

Federal Charters Could Ease Burdens For Fintech Upstarts

Financial technology firms may have a way to avoid regulation by 50 different state regulators after the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency announced plans to begin issuing national banking charters on Friday.

BANKING & SECURITIES

United Reaches \$2.4M SEC Deal In Airline Bribery Scheme

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced Friday that the parent company of United Airlines Inc. agreed to pay \$2.4 million to settle charges that the airline reinstated a money-losing flight route to curry favor with a former New Jersey official looking for more convenient trips to a vacation house.

Fed Gov. Says Leverage Ratio Alone Won't Protect Banks

The Federal Reserve's regulatory reform point man on Friday said that an approach to bank regulations favored by allies of the incoming Trump administration could lead big banks to take on riskier assets in search of profits, potentially destabilizing the financial system.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Ill. Legislature OKs \$235M Bailout For Nuclear Plants

Illinois lawmakers closed out their final legislative workday of 2016 on Thursday, passing a \$235 million yearly subsidy for nuclear power company Exelon Corp. and its two unprofitable nuclear plants in the state.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

3rd Circ. Affirms Tossing Of ALJ's Discrimination Suit

The Third Circuit on Thursday affirmed the dismissal of a case brought by a Social Security

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
American Trucking Associations Inc.

Associated Press

CTIA

Cisco Systems Inc.

Competitive Carriers Association

DISH Network Corporation

Electronic Frontier Foundation

Exelon Corporation

Facebook

Google Inc.

Grant Thornton LLP

ICF International, Inc.

International Business Machines Corporation

LexisNexis Group

MasterCard Incorporated

Motorola Mobility LLC

National Railroad Passenger Corporation

New York City Bar Association

Panasonic Corporation

PayPal Inc.

Public Knowledge

Reed Elsevier

SYSCO Corporation

Saks Incorporated

Stop & Shop Supermarket Co.

T-Mobile USA Inc.

Time Warner Inc.

Twitter Inc.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Foods Inc.

United Continental Holdings Inc.

Verizon Communications

Volkswagen

Washington Legal Foundation

Administration administrative law judge against the agency's commissioner over the loss of a higher title, finding no issue with the trial court's acceptance of an argument not used in an initial dismissal bid.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

NJ Judge Denies Special Prosecutor Bid In Christie GWB Case

A New Jersey state judge on Friday rejected a bid by a local political activist to have a special prosecutor appointed to handle his criminal complaint accusing Gov. Chris Christie of official misconduct in connection with politically motivated lane closures at the George Washington Bridge.

INSURANCE

W.Va. Takes ACA Administrative Fix Protest To High Court

West Virginia has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review its challenge of the Obama administration's decision to temporarily not enforce Affordable Care Act insurance standards, saying that the unfavorable decision it got in the D.C. Circuit runs contrary to high court precedent.

EMPLOYMENT

AFSCME Sues To Stop Ill. Gov's Terms For State Workers

The dispute between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner took a new turn Thursday as the union sued in state court to block the governor from imposing contract terms on state employees after negotiations were declared at an impasse.

FMCSA Finalizes Rule On Drug, Alcohol Testing Database

Wells Fargo & Co.

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Columbia Metropolitan Airport
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
Drug Enforcement Administration
Executive Office of the President
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Federal Reserve System
Federal Trade Commission
Food and Drug Administration
Illinois Supreme Court
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International Monetary Fund
International Trade Commission
NAFTA
National Security Council
Nevada Attorney General's Office
New Jersey Attorney General's Office
New Jersey Department of Transportation
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Securities and Exchange Commission
Selective Service System

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration on Friday announced a final rule to establish a drug and alcohol clearinghouse for commercial bus and truck drivers, to serve as a central location to find violations of the administration's testing program for the substances.

III. Gov. Blocks \$215M Pension Aid For Chicago Teachers

Chicago's public school system will move into 2017 with a \$215 million budget hole after Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed a bill that would have authorized the state to contribute the money to the system's retirement fund, blaming the move on lawmakers' failure at pension reform.

COMPETITION

NJ County Not Obligated To Take Land In Grocery Row: Judge

A New Jersey judge on Thursday refused to force Essex County to accept ownership of a strip of land to help an embattled supermarket development move forward, ruling that a geographic boundary change in the 1950s wasn't predicated on the county taking possession of the narrow parcel.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Calif. Atty Lays Into CFPB, Cordray In High Court Appeal

A California lawyer accused of a home loan modification scam has asked the U.S. Supreme Court take up the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's wins at the district court and Ninth Circuit, arguing that the suit was just as invalid as the agency director's recess appointment.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

White House Voices Support For Women In Military Draft

Social Security Administration
Texas Attorney General's Office
U.S. Agency for International Development
U.S. Attorney's Office
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Treasury
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Senate
U.S. Supreme Court
Unified Patent Court
United Nations
United States Geological Survey
World Bank Group

Women should be required to register for the military draft, the Obama administration said on Thursday, advocating a change in U.S. defense policy a National Security Council spokesman described as a "logical" extension of recent decisions increasing women's role in the military.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

WTO Chief Calls For Members To 'Intensify' Work In 2017

World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevedo on Thursday said that the past year has seen productive debate in the organization but that members will be looking for concrete results from next year's ministerial conference.

Hong Kong, Swiss Regulators Ink Cross-Border Funds Pact

Hong Kong and Swiss securities watchdogs said Friday they have signed a cooperation agreement that will expand cross-border offerings of fund products for asset managers in both countries.

TAX

IRS Proposes Adjusting Rules For Foreign Acquisitions

The Internal Revenue Service on Friday said that it will unroll new regulations covering transactions involving at least one foreign corporation in which a subsidiary uses its parent company's stock to acquire another company, saying that some taxpayers are using these transactions to avoid incurring U.S. tax.

IRS Partnership Liability Rule Still Unclear, Firm Says

Baker & McKenzie LLP urged the IRS Thursday to take another look at its temporary partnership liabilities regulation, arguing that efforts to clarify the treatment are still coming up short and that the agency should go back to the

drawing board rather than impose the rule on ill-prepared practitioners.

IMMIGRATION

DHS Urged To Keep Privately Run Immigrant Detention

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security should continue to utilize privately owned, for-profit facilities to detain immigrants, a subcommittee tasked with studying the matter recommended to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson in a report on Thursday.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AT&T Seeks Flexibility In FCC's Real-Time Text Plan

AT&T on Thursday pressed the Federal Communications Commission to hold off on requiring specific features in updated technology for communications by phone for the disabled, telling the agency that it's too early to impose technical requirements on new "real-time text" technology.

FCC Seeks Feedback On Plan For National Lifeline Verifier

The Federal Communications Commission on Thursday asked for comments on a proposal for implementing a national verifier for participation in the Lifeline low-income subsidy program after March reforms, asking for feedback between Dec. 5 and Dec. 30 on how the Universal Service Administrative Co. should take over the customer eligibility process.

FCC Must Revisit Emergency Alerting Changes, Group Says

A wireless association asked the Federal Communications Commission on Thursday to revisit its updates to modernize wireless emergency alerting, saying the agency shouldn't require the inclusion of hyperlinks and phone numbers before testing is finished and

must clarify what it means by "clickable links" and the devices that must support them.

FCC Bucks Republicans To Press Phone Cos. On Zero-Rating

Chairman Tom Wheeler's Federal Communications Commission pressed AT&T with concerns about free data and raised new questions about Verizon's program Thursday while Republican commissioners fired back Friday that he is ignoring calls from Congress to end complex and controversial action.

Q&A

5 Insights From Airbus Group's Joshua Walker

Technology so quickly outpaces regulation, and it's imperative governments at every level find that sweet spot where the public is reasonably protected but innovation isn't stifled. If the U.S. doesn't get this balance right, other governments will, says Joshua Walker, general counsel and project executive for A3 by Airbus Group.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

In Congress: The End Game

Republican leaders appear determined to wrap up a week early to allow more time at the start of the 115th Congress in January 2017 for consideration of resolutions of disapproval of "midnight" regulations issued by the outgoing Obama administration under the Congressional Review Act, say Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP.

Hitting Pause On FLSA White Collar Changes

The eleventh-hour preliminary injunction from the Eastern District of Texas against expanded coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act is a blow to the U.S. Department of Labor, which had estimated expanded overtime coverage to more than four million additional employees,

says Kathleen Anderson of Barnes & Thornburg LLP.

The Trump Infrastructure Plan And Its Legal Implications

The incoming Trump administration's \$1 trillion infrastructure plan would rely mostly on private investment, with infrastructure tax credits envisioned as bringing the needed financing to the table. But many questions remain unanswered, including who will decide on the selection and timing of projects, what laws will apply, and how private investors will be paid back, says Steve Sorrett of Kutak Rock LLP.

Inbound M&A Activity Adrift Post-Election

Many speculate that President-elect Donald Trump's protectionist policies could ignite trade wars in which nations such as Mexico and China subsequently enact retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. This would cause prices to climb and could discourage foreign direct investment in the U.S., say Jeff Haidet and Catherine Dallas of Dentons.

Energy Policy In The Trump Era: Part 2

President-elect Donald Trump has pledged to drastically change the federal government's role and policies in relation to energy, the environment and climate change. In the second of a two-part series, Christopher Carr and Robert Fleishman of Morrison & Foerster LLP examine the impact of the new administration's attitudes towards the Clean Power Plan, the Paris Agreement and other energy and environmental regulations and policies.

Innovate Bigly? — Patent Reform Under @realDonaldTrump

Many commentators have stated that President-elect Donald Trump has yet to take a clear stance regarding patents and intellectual property. However, his Twitter account holds many hints as to his possible intellectual

property priorities, say attorneys from Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

3 Ways To Advance Your In-House Career

Law firm life isn't always for everyone and an in-house or general counsel role at a company may seem like the perfect way to escape billable hours and office politics, but having a real career as an in-house lawyer takes more than being an excellent, business-minded attorney.

Innovative Corporate Counsel: Stanton Dodge

For wrapping up landmark copyright litigation after four years and a stop at the Ninth Circuit while continuing to help his company expand its scope of business, Dish Network general counsel Stanton Dodge is a 2016 Law360 Innovative Corporate Counsel.

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

General counsel paychecks keep ballooning, a new warrant rule allows for broader law enforcement access to electronic data, and the FTC wants more foreign markets data in premerger filings. Those stories top the corporate legal news you may have missed this past week.

Linklaters, Fried Frank Are Latest To Divulge Bonuses

Linklaters LLP and Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP have announced they will offer their associates year-end bonuses that match or exceed the market rate established by Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP earlier this week, according to internal memos published online Friday.

Dentons Tacks On 3 Gadens Offices In Downsized Tie-Up

Dentons on Friday announced that it has finalized its combination with offices of Australia's Gadens, adding on approximately 200 Pacific Rim lawyers, a significantly smaller number than the 500 who had originally considered joining the global giant.

Data Security Not Top Concern For Firm Leaders, Report Finds

The danger of data breaches and other technological security issues in the legal industry seems to be implicit given the rising demand for data-driven work and high-profile firm document leaks, but information security is not top of mind among firm leaders, according to a report issued on Wednesday.

Legal Sector Woes Continue With 500 Jobs Lost In November

The legal services sector continued a recent stretch of less-than-stellar employment numbers, losing 500 jobs in November and marking the industry's lowest overall total since June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced Friday in its monthly jobs report.

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms and Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

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TOP NEWS

High Court Confirmation 'Not The Way It Should Be': Ginsburg

The current U.S. Supreme Court confirmation process has grown too partisan, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said Thursday, as the Senate is gearing up for a fight over President Donald Trump's pick for the high court, Tenth Circuit Judge Neil Gorsuch.

BigLaw Partners Uneasy About Trump Judiciary Comments

Members of the legal community including partners at several BigLaw firms on Thursday expressed concern over statements made by President Donald Trump toward federal judges and courts in the aftermath of an order temporarily blocking his immigration ban from seven Muslim-majority countries, saying the remarks could have "grave consequences."

Law Profs Hit Kellyanne Conway With Misconduct Complaint

A group of law professors and ethics experts this week filed a misconduct complaint against President Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway, arguing that a series of false statements she made in TV interviews "brings shame" to the profession.

Analysis

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Bancroft PLLC
Berger & Montague
Bradley
Chadbourne & Parke
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Cozen O'Connor
Crowell & Moring
Davis Wright Tremaine
Edelson PC
Eric M. Bernstein
Finger & Slanina
Ford & Harrison
Greenberg Traurig
Gunster
Gutridge Safier
Harkins Cunningham
Harman Claytor
Holland & Hart
Holland & Knight
Hunton & Williams
Jackson Lewis
Jenner & Block
Johnson & Bell

GOP Faces Pitched Battle As It Looks To Revise ESA

Having seized control of the presidency and both houses of Congress, Republicans are seeking to amend the Endangered Species Act after years of complaints that it stymies development and limits land use. But lawmakers should take note of previous failed attempts to alter the law, as supporters will fiercely fight any changes they see as weakening it, experts say.

Analysis

Trump's Trans Bathroom Access U-Turn May Not Slow EEOC

Although the Trump administration made waves in rescinding an Obama-era directive that transgender public school students be allowed to use the bathroom of their choice, experts say employers shouldn't assume the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will take its foot off the enforcement throttle when it comes to transgender rights in the workplace.

Sessions Ditches Obama Policy Curtailing Private Prison Use

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has reversed a U.S. Department of Justice memo from the Obama administration aimed at curtailing use of private prisons by the federal government, according to a memo sent to the federal Bureau of Prisons on Thursday.

Analysis

Tax Reform Possible Despite Border Adjustment Opposition

Despite growing opposition from retailers and within the GOP's own ranks to a tax reform blueprint that would disallow deductions for import costs, experts are hopeful that a compromise going beyond mere tax cuts is possible.

Ginsburg Bemoans Loss Of Core Values At Book Launch

Joseph Greenwald

K&L Gates

Kane Russell

Kessler Topaz

Kutak Rock

Littler Mendelson

Lum Drasco

McGuireWoods

Morrison & Foerster

Munger Tolles

Norton Rose Fulbright

Perkins Coie

Schirrmeyer Diaz-Arrastia

Seyfarth Shaw

Shook Hardy

Sidley Austin

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Williams Montgomery

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American Bar Association

American Civil Liberties Union

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Apple Inc.

BTI Consulting Group Inc.

Black Elk Energy LLC

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington

Clearing House Payments Co. LLC

Comcast Corporation

America is not going through the best of times, according to Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who said Thursday that the country has started to drift away from some of its core ideals.

Analysis

Fracking Quakes Could Shake Regulatory Ground In Pa.

The first-of-its-kind link that Pennsylvania environmental regulators recently drew between hydraulic fracturing and a string of minor seismic events detected nearly a year ago could be the first step toward increased monitoring requirements and permitting conditions for drillers.

GOP Lawmaker Wants Flynn To Testify Before Senate Panel

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said Wednesday that former national security adviser Michael Flynn should testify before the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is investigating alleged Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election.

BANKING & SECURITIES

Canadian Securities Watchdog Launches Regulatory Sandbox

Canadian securities regulators on Thursday launched a so-called regulatory sandbox, allowing companies that use innovative technologies and capital-raising techniques to experiment under fewer regulations, spreading an idea that has gained momentum across Europe and Asia.

Robo-Advisers Must Be Mindful Of Advisers Act, SEC Says

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday said that "robo-advisers" should be mindful of how the Investment Advisers Act applies to them and their relationship with

Corrections Corporation of America
Facebook
Fannie Mae
Federalist Society
First NBC Bank Holding Co.
Freddie Mac
Geo Group, Inc.
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.
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International Bar Association
Koch Industries Inc.
Life Technologies Corporation
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MetLife Inc.
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
NBCUniversal Inc.
National Immigration Law Center
National Public Radio Inc.
New York Times Co.
Nokia Corporation
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clients since their services are unique from traditional investment advisers.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Sierra Club To Sue EPA For Renewable Fuel Report Absence

The Sierra Club issued a notice of intent to sue the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday, saying it had ignored its obligations to analyze the Renewable Fuel Standard by failing to publish an evaluation on air quality or communicate with Congress.

ND, Energy Cos. Ask 8th Circ. To OK \$1.3M Fee In Minn. Row

North Dakota and a coalition of energy companies told the Eighth Circuit on Wednesday that they should receive \$1.3 million in attorneys' fees and costs awarded by a lower court for prevailing in the appeal of a decision invalidating Minnesota's restrictions on out-of-state coal-fired power plants, arguing the figure was justified and mentioning that the other side was sanctioned.

Wood Group To Pay \$9.5M In False Reporting, Explosion Plea

Wood Group PSN Inc. will pay \$9.5 million over allegations of falsely reporting safety inspections and violating the Clean Water Act in connection with the November 2012 explosion at the West Delta 32 offshore facility in the Gulf of Mexico, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Feds To Allow Pre-ACA Policies Through 2018

Federal regulators on Thursday once again granted extra time for consumers to renew health insurance that doesn't fully comply with Affordable Care Act standards, saying the older coverage can run through 2018.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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National Credit Union Administration
National Labor Relations Board
National Marine Fisheries Service
North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Office of the Federal Register
Oklahoma Corporation Commission
Oregon Department of Justice
Securities and Exchange Commission

Fla. Senate Readies Gaming Bill, But House Has Other Ideas

The Florida Senate Appropriations Committee's passage of a comprehensive gaming bill to the Senate floor on Thursday raised the prospects for long-sought resolutions to multiple industry issues, but those odds looked longer as a House panel backed a proposal that hews to the status quo and rejects expansion.

Oregon Moves Forward On Bill To Revamp Sports Agent Law

Oregon lawmakers are pushing forward with what could be a first-of-its-kind bill that would significantly expand the definition of who is considered an athlete agent beyond those who negotiate contracts and provide college student-athletes with a specific civil remedy for agent misconduct.

EMPLOYMENT

NJ Doesn't Have To Pay For Ex-Election Official's Defense

A New Jersey state appeals court on Thursday found that the state does not have to cover the defense costs of a former county superintendent of elections in a lawsuit alleging retaliation against three workers because the litigation involves supervising employees and not enforcing election laws.

Former Asst. Atty Wants Firing Suit Reheard By 4th Circ.

A former Fairfax County, Virginia, assistant attorney asked the Fourth Circuit Wednesday for a rehearing of its decision upholding a district court's ruling that she could be fired after being elected to the city council, saying the case presents important issues concerning public employees' First Amendment rights.

Ill. State Worker Union Members Approve Strike If Needed

Seminole Tribe of Florida

Texas Department of Public Safety

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Department of the Treasury

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. General Services Administration

U.S. Supreme Court

Illinois' largest public employee union on Thursday announced that its voting members overwhelmingly authorized a strike, should the bargaining committee of AFSCME Council 31 decide to call one in its months-long struggle with Gov. Bruce Rauner over a new contract.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Trans Student Presses Bathroom Fight Despite Trump Letter

Transgender student Gavin Grimm pressed on with his challenge of a policy barring him from using the boys' bathroom at his high school on Thursday, telling the U.S. Supreme Court that the Gloucester County School Board rule violates the plain text of Title IX, a day after the Trump administration rescinded Obama-era guidance on trans rights in schools.

Arkansas Supreme Court Strikes City's LGBT Protections

The Supreme Court of Arkansas on Thursday struck down a city ordinance that banned discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, but refused to address whether the state's law stripping local governments of the ability to protect LGBT rights is constitutional.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

FTC Chair To Take On Job Licensing With New Task Force

The new acting chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission launched a task force Thursday to tackle state and local licensing requirements that have proliferated in recent years for everyone from hairdressers and makeup artists to interior designers, a new initiative designed to pare down on "dubious" and "ridiculous" requirements threatening economic growth.

TAX

Mnuchin Shares GOP's Optimistic Timeline For Tax Reform

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin exhibited the same ambition as House Republicans Thursday when he expressed a commitment to seeing growth-enhancing tax reform, with an emphasis on cuts for the middle class and business, before Congress leaves for its August recess.

IRS Asked To Create Form To Help Shareholder Compliance

An accounting trade group has urged the IRS to create a new income tax form that would compute a shareholder's basis in the stock and debt of a pass-through corporation, saying that in the past, taxpayers have misreported over \$10 million in losses due to a lack of basis.

IMMIGRATION

Oregon Seeks To Join Wash. Challenge To Trump Travel Ban

Oregon wants in on the lawsuit filed by the state of Washington that challenges President Donald Trump's executive order and its travel ban for certain foreign-born individuals, arguing Wednesday that it seeks to ensure that any relief that arises from the case protects the state and its residents.

Groups Aim To Block Trump From Slashing Refugee Numbers

The International Refugee Assistance Project and others asked a Maryland court Wednesday to stop the government from enforcing part of the travel ban executive order that slashed refugee admission numbers, saying the law doesn't allow a president to force a midyear cutback in refugees.

5th Circ. Reinstates Texas Anti-Immigrant Harboring Law

The Fifth Circuit on Thursday reinstated a Texas law that makes it a felony to harbor unauthorized immigrants, lifting an injunction

that had blocked the 2015 law from taking full effect, in a ruling praised by both the state and immigrant advocates.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Approves 1st Foreign Co. Broadcast Station Ownership

The Federal Communications Commission for the first time ever has allowed a fully foreign-owned company to take ownership of 15 U.S. radio broadcast stations, in a decision on Thursday that approved a petition to let an Australian couple take on several stations in Alaska and Texas.

FCC Grants Small-Business Relief From Transparency Rules

The Federal Communications Commission's Republican majority voted Thursday to exempt broadband providers with 250,000 or fewer subscribers from stepped-up transparency rules in the 2015 Open Internet Order as the lone Democratic commissioner objected amid questions of how the GOP will deal with broader net neutrality rules.

FCC Pushed To Ensure Stricter Political Ad Disclosure

In a letter to the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday, a group of 10 Democratic Congress members encouraged the agency to adopt even stricter disclosure rules for TV stations that run political advertisements.

Public Interest Groups Urge FCC Not To Undermine Lifeline

The NAACP, AFL-CIO and Public Knowledge are among a range of public interest organizations that on Thursday pressed the Federal Communications Commission to reverse course on stripping nine Lifeline low-income broadband providers of eligibility to provide service or risk undercutting the goal of connecting the poor.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Tax Implications Of The Affordable Care Act Repeal

Because the Affordable Care Act was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court as a tax law, its repeal would entail a \$1.1 trillion tax revenue loss over 10 years. Based on the direction that the Republicans take in crafting their replacement bill and what portions of the ACA will be repealed, individuals and corporations could be looking at drastic tax changes, say Michael White and Eddie Geraghty of M. White & Associates LLC.

Financial Services In The 1st Month Of Trump Presidency

In the first 30 days of his administration, President Donald Trump issued more than two dozen executive orders, memoranda and proclamations, several of which significantly impact the financial services industry. In addition, policymakers are turning their time and attention to reforming the nation's financial services laws, with a "Choice Act 2.0" likely to be introduced soon, say Matthew Cutts and James Sivon of Squire Patton Boggs LLP.

Challenging Emoluments Clause Violations As A Conspiracy

I'm not confident that trying to hold the Trump Organization liable for President Donald Trump's own constitutional violations will work. But there might be other legal theories under which a state attorney general could argue that Trump-owned companies act unlawfully when they receive emoluments. Consider a core white collar criminal statute — conspiracy to defraud the U.S., says Randall Eliason, a former federal prosecutor.

Inside New FAR Rule On Untimely Payment To Subcontractors

New changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulation impose mandatory reporting requirements on federal prime contractors who

fail to make full and timely payments to their small business subcontractors. Although little more than a month old, this rule already has been the source of considerable confusion, say Aron Beezley and Emily Unnasch of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP.

The Uncertain Future Of PURPA, A Key To Renewable Energy

The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act was enacted in 1978 to encourage development of alternative energy resources. But PURPA's opponents want to see it amended or repealed. With the law's supporters staying relatively quiet, calls for reform may gain traction with the new Congress and the Trump administration, say attorneys from Crowell & Moring LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Analysis

5 Rules For RFPs From The People Who Read Them

With the use of RFPs by legal departments at an all-time high, it's crucial that law firms learn how to stand out from the pack and avoid ruffling the feathers of the procurement and legal operations professionals who review the submissions. Here's how they say law firms can make the most of an RFP.

Holland & Knight Protests DQ Bid To Judge's 'Dismay'

A New York federal judge scolded Holland & Knight LLP for a letter it submitted in a case pitting First NBC Bank against ethanol distributor Murex LLC, saying the unsolicited filing contesting a bid to disqualify the firm did not reflect well on it and that its attorneys had "abused the court's courtesy."

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Sidley Austin rose to the top of this week's legal lions list with a win at the U.S. Supreme Court that limits the law's reach on overseas patent

infringement, while K&L Gates met with a less favorable fate when the justices revived a False Claims Act case against its client, Wells Fargo.

Del. Judicial Political Balance Mandate Unfair, Atty Says

A Delaware attorney is challenging a portion of the state's constitution requiring a balance of representation from "major" political parties in state judicial positions, saying in a lawsuit filed in Delaware federal court that the process is unconstitutional and unfairly excludes members of nonmajority parties and independents.

Ill. Law Firm Ex-Clients Can't Arbitrate Privacy Row As Class

A pair of former clients of Illinois law firm Johnson & Bell Ltd. can't arbitrate their claim the firm put their confidential data at risk on behalf of a putative class of Johnson & Bell clients, an Illinois federal judge said Wednesday.

Trial Consultants Q&A: DOAR's Roy Futterman

You can see an attorney have a sudden realization that we move from trial to trial, that we work on many cases in a year and spend weeks in courtrooms. When attorneys realize all of this, they often move us from the kiddie table to the big boy table. Then we pick up a turkey leg and get to work, says Roy Futterman, director at DOAR Inc.

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Categories: Scheduling

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From: Clarissa Reynolds

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:18 AM

To: Rep48; Rep68; Jay Hottinger; Rep56; wilson@ohiosenate.gov;
Brown@ohiosenate.gov

Subject: OAPSE PENSION BENEFITS

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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I would like to strongly encourage you to vote against a freeze or cut to our Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). Please keep your hands off our pension benefits! Our current and future employees should not be forced to choose between food and medicine. We work hard to earn these benefits and it's not fair for you to try and freeze or cut them.

Sincerely,

Mary Clarissa Reynolds
Mill creek Elementary School Secretary
OAPSE/AFSCME Local #640 President

From: Chris Bonnett

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:34 AM

To: Rep48; Rep68; Jay Hottinger; wilson@ohiosenate.gov; Rep56;
Brown@ohiosenate.gov

Subject: OAPSE AFSCME PENSION BENEFITS

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PLEASE SAVE OUR PENSION BENEFITS. DON'T FREEZE OR CUT OUR
COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING BY OHIO WORKERS.

Chris Bonnett

Elementary School Secretary

From: Rider, Lorene
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Brown@ohiosenate.gov; Rep48; Rep56; Jay Hottinger
Subject: OAPSE Pension plans

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On behalf of OAPSE Local 149 in Shaker Heights, Ohio, I urge you leave the pension benefits for OAPSE/AFSCME employees AS IS.

DO NOT MAKE THE CHANGES FWITH RESPECT TO FREESING OR CUTTING COST OF LIVING (COLA) BENEFITS.

Lorene Rider
President
OAPSE Local 149
Shaker Heights, OH

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Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Rep48
Subject: SERS COLA Meeting

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From: Rep48
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 3:21 PM
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Subject: FW: SERS COLA Meeting

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Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:57 AM

To: Rep48; Rep68; Rep56; Brown@ohiosenate.gov; Jay Hottinger;
wilson@ohiosenate.gov

Subject: Pensions

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From: Rep48
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 2:11 PM
To: 'Randy Weston'
CC: Zielinski, Justin
Subject: RE: SERS COLA Meeting

Categories: Scheduling

Randy,

Thank you for emailing.

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Best,

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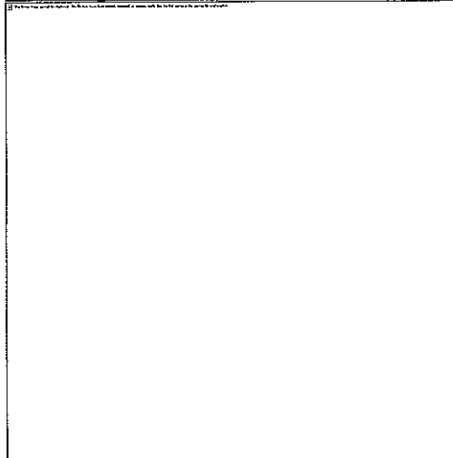
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Categories: Scheduling

Thanks Abby!

Randy Weston

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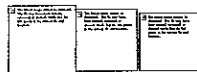
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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 6:54 PM
To: Rep48
Subject: COLAs

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Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:53 AM

To: Rep48; Rep68; Jay Hottinger; Rep56; wilson@ohiosenate.gov;
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Email : Rgarmy4@att.net

Subject :
OAPSE AFSCME

Message :
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From: Rep48
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:49 PM
To: 'Rgamary4@att.net'
Subject: RE: OAPSE AFSCME

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Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Brown@ohiosenate.gov; Rep48 <Rep48@ohiohouse.gov>; Rep56 <Rep56@ohiohouse.gov>; Jay Hottinger <sd31@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: OAPSE Pension plans

On behalf of OAPSE Local 149 in Shaker Heights, Ohio, I urge you leave the pension benefits for OAPSE/AFSCME employees AS IS.

DO NOT MAKE THE CHANGES FWITH RESPECT TO FREESING OR
CUTTING COST OF LIVING (COLA) BENEFITS.

Lorene Rider
President
OAPSE Local 149
Shaker Heights, OH

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From: Rep48
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 3:09 PM
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Subject: RE: OAPSE AFSCME PENSION BENEFITS

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Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:34 AM
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Subject: OAPSE AFSCME PENSION BENEFITS

PLEASE SAVE OUR PENSION BENEFITS. DON'T FREEZE OR CUT OUR
COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING BY OHIO WORKERS.

Chris Bonnett
Elementary School Secretary

From: Rep48
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 3:10 PM
To: 'Clarissa Reynolds'
Subject: RE: OAPSE PENSION BENEFITS

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Brown@ohiosenate.gov
Subject: OAPSE PENSION BENEFITS

I would like to strongly encourage you to vote against a freeze or cut to our Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). Please keep your hands off our pension benefits! Our current and future employees should not be forced to choose between food and medicine. We work hard to earn these benefits and it's not fair for you to try and freeze or cut them.

Sincerely,

Mary Clarissa Reynolds

Mill creek Elementary School Secretary
OAPSE/AFSCME Local #640 President

From: Rep48
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 3:11 PM
To: 'Lynn Staley'
Subject: RE: COLA freeze on SERS

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Cc: OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4 <kmalone@oapse.org>
Subject: COLA freeze on SERS

Many of you have not walked a day in our shoes. For what we work/worked for was very minimal compared to the compensation you receive as a government official. You are also covered for your health insurance which many of us are not. We have to pay for it.

I want you to hear my story. Not only mine but many people my age are going through this as well.

I have worked for the school system for 23 years. I am only 60 years old. I was advised if I did not retire now my pension would drop drastically next year. Actually it would drop \$256 per month. As it is I was only getting \$967, less the \$256 and the difference is \$711 per month. My insurance was going to cost me \$670 per month. After taking taxes out of the \$711 I was going to have to pay \$22. If you freeze the cost of living I will end up paying more. If I choose to I can work another seven years to catch up to the \$967 but my choice is NOT to work that long. I've worked since I was 14. I'm tired. I am basically working to take care of my husbands and my health care.

Fortunately for me my school superintendent allowed me to retire at my current rate and rehire for another year or two helping me to pay for my insurance. My husband is retired. He is a diabetic taking between 7-9 shots per day. He also takes a bolus in the evening before bed. His oral medication is outrageous. He does not get Medicare until August of this year. His Medicare will not pay all of his meds so once again, my pay will go towards his deductible. The list goes on and on. I know my situation is nothing compared to others but this is how most AMERICANS live. We are not blessed with free health care coverage. I know you are working for yours but put in a physically and mentally draining day like we do and have to come home and worry about your spouses health and well being.

Please quit taking away or freezing what we've worked hard for. The time has come to DROP THE PARTY LINES and do what is BEST FOR AMERICANS.

Thank you for listening and I hope you LISTEN to what we are all saying.

Lynn Staley
High School/Athletic Secretary
330.927-7141

From: Jay Loud
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Rep48
Subject: Fwd: OAPSE/AFSCME retired secretary pension.

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To: jeloud71@gmail.com
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Jayne Loudenslager
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Dec 31, 2016

Sent from my iPhone

From: Niehaus, Thomas E.
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 7:12 PM
To: Rep48; Rep68; Cliff Hite (LIO)
CC: Jacob, Abe; Daniel Lusheck
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Date: June 6, 2017 at 1:40:14 PM EDT
To: Kathy Malone <KMalone@oapse.org>
Subject: OAPSE Members to March on Statehouse and SERS June 7

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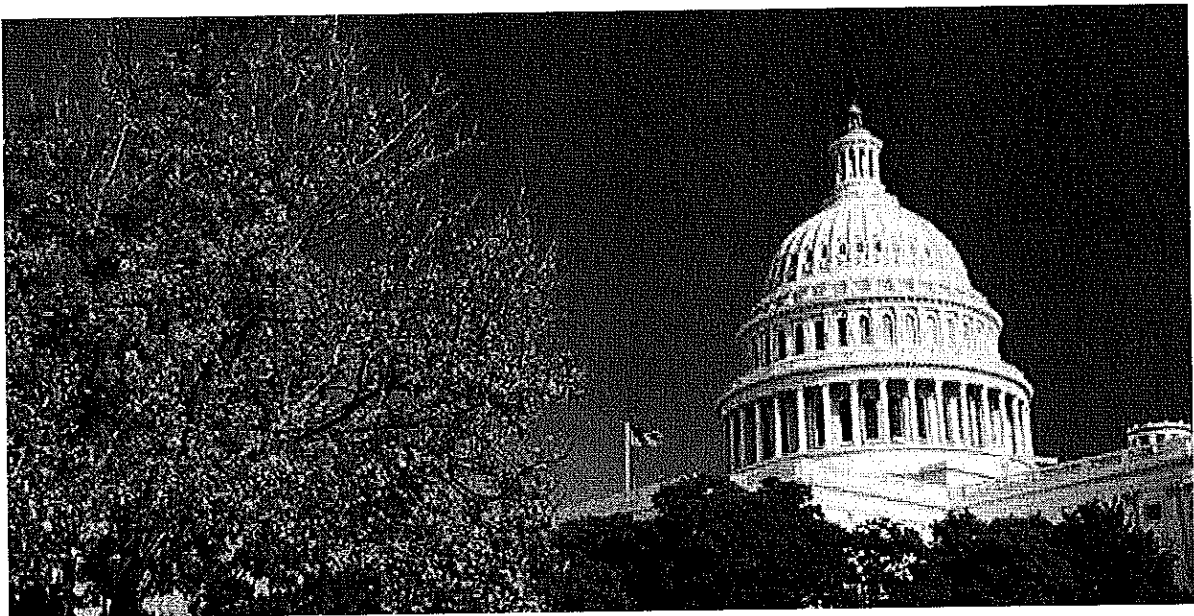
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From: Max Behlke
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Rep48
Subject: NCS Capitol to Capitol: Congress Shifts to Tax Reform



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Oct. 2, 2017

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On Sept. 27, Trump and the "Big Six"—7 which includes Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas), Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn

— released their "unified framework" for overhauling the U.S. tax code. The nine-page document will serve as a starting point for tax writers in both the House and the Senate to hash out the rest of the details.

But before it fleshes out the details of tax reform, Congress will need to pass a budget resolution that includes tax reform instructions so that it can then use budget reconciliation for tax reform. Budget reconciliation is a legislative maneuver that allows the majority in the Senate to bypass the filibuster process, allowing them to pass legislation with 51 votes, instead of the normal 60. The House is expected to vote on its FY 2018 budget on Thursday. In the Senate, the full Budget Committee is expected to mark up its budget plan, which is quite different than the House bill, later this week.

Concerning tax reform, the Senate budget would allow tax writers to add as much as \$1.5 trillion to the deficit over 10 years, but the House budget would not allow a tax plan to add to the deficit. This is just one of several differences that the two chambers will have to reconcile before moving forward on a tax package. Budget aside, the White House is optimistic for a tax plan to move quickly through Congress. "We would hope to be in the Senate in November," Cohn told reporters last week. "And we would hope to have a bill done by this year."

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Meanwhile, the administration and GOP leaders will need to package this plan and sell it to the public as tax relief for the middle class and not a windfall for the wealthiest Americans if they want the reform to make it across the finish line. They will also need to secure the necessary votes in the Senate, which is anything but assured given that the slim Republican majority can ill-afford to lose votes of support.

In sum, enacting a tax plan this year might be overly optimistic given the tight congressional calendar and lack of agreement on key policy details. While Republicans are desperate for a win and a legislative victory, tax reform is by no means an easy feat and the process may continue well into 2018.

NCSL Contacts: Max Behlke; Jake Lestock

NCSL Urges Preservation of the SALT Deduction

On Sept. 27, NCSL released the following statement regarding the tax reform framework:

As a central tenet of tax reform is to provide tax relief for the middle class, NCSL is dismayed that the released framework will eliminate a deduction that is vital to middle class taxpayers, the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction. The SALT deduction has existed in the federal tax code since its inception, which coincidentally was also when the federal tax code was at its simplest, because federal tax writers were cognizant to not tax an individual's income twice.

Eliminating this deduction will lead to higher tax burdens for tens of millions of middle class taxpayers of every political affiliation, an outcome contrary to the stated goal of providing meaningful relief to taxpayers. The elimination of the SALT deduction also impedes the ability of states to invest in infrastructure, fund education, and provide the vital public services that Americans expect from their state and local governments.

Ensuring that the incomes of American workers are not taxed twice hardly counts as a special interest tax break or loophole that needs to be closed. NCSL strongly supports preservation of the SALT deduction and opposes any attempt to harm middle class taxpayers and their communities.

Protect state taxpayers. Protect local decision making. Protect SALT.

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DYK? The Coinage Act of 1792 established the U.S. Mint, created the dollar as the nation's standard unit of money, and regulated the country's coinage. Specifically, the law specified that \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 coins (known as eagles, half-eagles and quarter-eagles) were to be made of their face value in gold, while the dollar, half-dollar, quarter-dollar, dime and half-dime coins were to be made of their value in silver. Criminals found that they could make a profit by filing shavings from the sides of gold and silver coins, and selling it. It did not take long for the U.S. Mint to begin adding ridges to the coins' edges, a process called "reeding," to make it impossible to shave them down without the result being obvious. As a side benefit, the reeded edges make counterfeiting more difficult.

SCOTUS Gerrymandering Case Could Reshape American Politics

"There is only one prediction that is entirely safe about the upcoming term, and that is it will be momentous."

- Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sept. 20, 2017

Today, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) returns for what could be one of the most consequential terms of the court in recent memory. In addition to cases on immigration, religious freedom, and privacy already on the docket, it will hear oral arguments in a case about partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin, where a federal court in November 2016 struck down a legislative map for being too partisan. In *Gill v. Whitford*, a panel of three federal judges ruled that the Wisconsin State Assembly map adopted in 2011 violated the First and 14th Amendments to the Constitution. If the court ultimately rules against the plaintiffs, it could mean that no amount of partisan bias could make electoral districts unconstitutional. But on the flipside, if the court sides with the plaintiffs, it could ultimately lead to drastic changes of electoral maps and how state legislatures draw them.

DYK? On this day in...

- **1996:** President Bill Clinton signed the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments (E-FOIA), which required executive branch agencies to make certain types of records, created on or after Nov. 1, 1996, to be made available electronically. The amendments also required agencies to provide electronic reading rooms for citizens to use and extended the response time to FOIA requests from 10 days to 20 business days.
- **1980:** Pennsylvania Congressman Michael Myers became the first member of either chamber of Congress to be expelled since the Civil War, for his involvement in the Abscam scandal. As part of the public corruption investigation, Myers was videotaped accepting a \$50,000 bribe from undercover FBI Agents.
- **1967:** Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African-American justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Senate Releases Bipartisan Autonomous Vehicle Legislation That Pre-empts States

On Sep. 28, Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John Thune (R-S.D.), and Senators Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) unveiled legislation regarding autonomous vehicles—the American Vision for Safer Transportation Through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START) Act. The AV START Act is similar to the House passed SELF DRIVE but it also contains several significant differences as well as areas of concerns for states, notably in the areas of pre-emption and safety evaluation reports. The Commerce Committee will consider the legislation at a markup schedule for Oct. 4.

Pre-emption

The Senate committee bill currently includes a pre-emption section identical to that included in the bill passed by the House. Specifically, the language would pre-empt states from regulating the performance of automated driving systems (ADS) as well as any "unreasonable restrictions" concerning registration, licensing, driving education and training, insurance, law enforcement, crash investigations, safety and emissions inspections, congestion management of vehicles on the street within a state or political subdivision of a state, or traffic on the design, construction, or performance of highly automated vehicles or ADS. **NCSL Urges State Legislators to Contact their Congressional Delegations to Voice their Opposition to the Pre-Emption.**

Additionally, the bill would prohibit a state from issuing licenses for a dedicated highly automated vehicle (DHAV), which the bill defines as a level 4 or 5 automated vehicle, in a way that discriminates against those with disabilities.

A full NCSL analysis of the AV START legislation can be read [here](#).

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A Deeper Dive on Transportation, Energy, Environment and Agriculture Policy

For those looking for a deep dive on federal Transportation, Energy, Environment and Agriculture topics, please check out the September editions of our Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee's three monthly newsletters:

- Energy & Agriculture Update - latest federal developments influencing agriculture and energy policy
- Environment Update - latest federal developments on environment policy
- Transportation Update - latest federal developments on transportation policy

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DYK? Russia did not consider beer, or any beverage that contained less than 10 percent alcohol, to be alcoholic until 2011. They previously classified it as a soft drink. The new restrictions were signed off by then President Dmitry Medvedev as part of an attempt to counter alcohol abuse, which he earlier called a "national calamity."

Supreme Court Will Hear Far-Reaching Union Case

The Supreme Court of the United States agreed on Thursday to hear *Janus v. AFSCME*, a case challenging the legality of union fees that could have serious ramifications for public sector unions. The case revolves around Illinois state employee Mark Janus, who contends the requirement that he pay union fees to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) violates his free speech rights. The justices considered this issue once before, when the Court took up *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* last year. That case was brought by a California teacher, Rebecca Friedrichs, and resulted in a 4-4 deadlock following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Should the justices vote the same way, Neil Gorsuch will be in a position to offer the final tie-breaking vote.

NCSL Contacts: Joan Wodiska, Lucia Bragg

Trump Signs Hurricane Relief Legislation for Schools, Issues Hurricane Relief Guidance

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The president signed S. 1866 into law on Friday after the bill passed through Congress last week. The bill offers various forms of support for schools and colleges impacted by the recent hurricanes. Specifically, the law:

- Allows the U.S. Department of Education to waive a requirement that higher education institutions contribute matching funds as part of the Federal Work Study and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant programs.
- Redistributes the unused funds in those programs to colleges affected by the hurricanes.
- Provides access for private schools to funds available under the Project School Emergency Response to Violence program.

The law comes on the heels of new non-regulatory hurricane relief guidance, issued by the department on Sept. 22. The guidance identifies areas of federal law that are subject to flexibility and waivers for grantees and program participants impacted by natural disasters. The guidance focuses on support and flexibility options available to schools, state educational agencies, state lead agencies, local educational agencies, local early intervention service programs and providers, State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools, Tribes, and postsecondary institutions with a focus on the 2017 hurricanes. The department will hold a webinar discussing the details of the guidance on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. ET. Interested participants may register [here](#).

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HHS Secretary Pays Price for Travel

On Friday, Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price resigned for his use of private charter and military jets to travel around the country at taxpayer expense. Don Wright, a longtime U. S. Health and Human Services (HHS) career employee, doctor and public health expert was named acting HHS secretary Friday following Price's resignation. Soon after Price stepped down, Washington began speculating about possible candidates for his replacement, including:

- Scott Gottlieb, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration
- Seema Verma, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- David Shulkin, the secretary of veterans affairs
- Former Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal
- Florida Governor Rick Scott

NCSL Contact: Haley Nicholson

Also of Note...

Federal Funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which covers 9 million children, expired on Sept. 30. If Congress does not act, the Kaiser Family Foundation expects 10 states to run out of money for the program by the end of the year, and 21 states will be out of money by March 2018.

NCSL Contact: Haley Nicholson

The National Flood Insurance Program, a federal program that aims to provide affordable flood insurance to property owners, has depleted its borrowing authority after a series of devastating hurricanes over the past several weeks. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which runs the program, notified Congress on Sept. 20 that it borrowed \$5.8 billion from the Treasury to fund losses this year, including those incurred by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and "anticipated programmatic activities." The balance of FEMA's remaining borrowing authority is now zero, according to the agency.

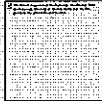
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If you have comments or suggestions, please contact Max Behlke.

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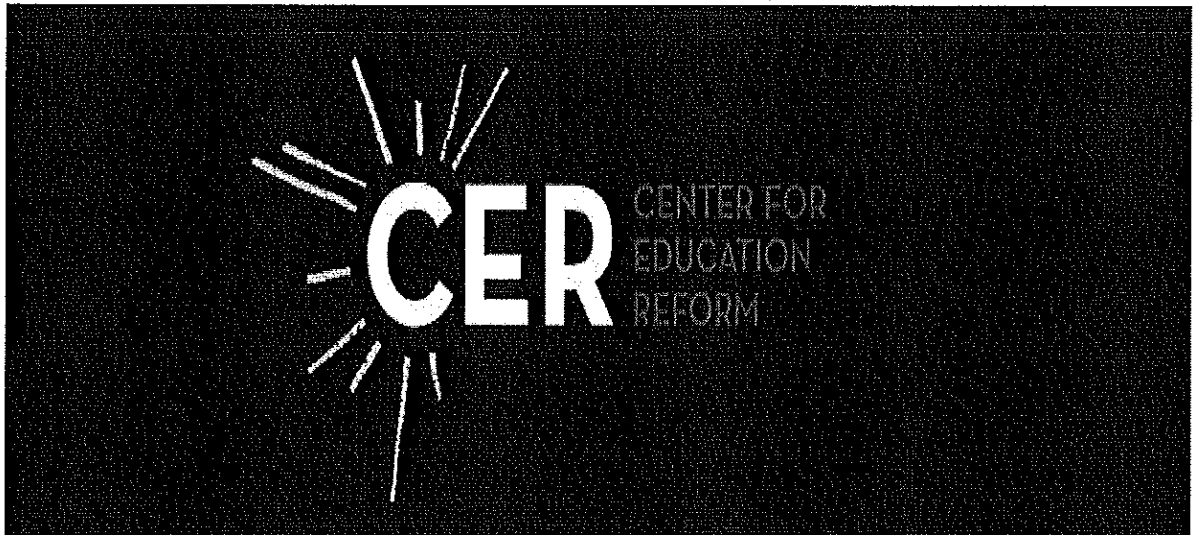
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Memo to Reporters

From: Jeanne Allen, founder & CEO, the Center for Education Reform

Re: U.S. Supreme Court case holds promise for teacher freedoms

Leaders of organizations and schools across the education reform arena are enthusiastic that on Thursday, September 28, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) agreed to hear arguments in *Janus v. AFSCME*. The case was brought forth by Mark Janus, an Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services public employee who believes that forced unionism and the mandatory paying of fees violates his First Amendment rights. A favorable outcome in *Janus* could pave the way for a loosening on the stranglehold of other public sector employees compelled to pay mandatory union fees. Public school teachers, in particular, stand to benefit from the freedom that would allow them to make their own decisions as to whether or not they pay union dues and fees.

TOP 5 TAKEAWAYS IF SCOTUS RULES IN FAVOR OF *JANUS*:

- Free millions of workers – public school teachers included ? 3 from compelled association—a clear violation of the First Amendment
- Millions of workers will no longer be compelled to pay union fees when opting out of union representation
- In addition to more take-home pay, teachers will have more freedom to innovate when opting out of mandated association with teachers' unions
- A pro-Janus ruling will have no impact on the ability for unions to organize and function
- The union-employee relationship should improve as unions will demonstrate their value to existing and future members

The case has been winding its way through Federal courts since early 2015 and was stayed pending an outcome in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*, a case that was deadlocked 4-4 after the tragic passing of Justice Antonin Scalia. While the *Janus* case was initially dismissed by U.S. District Court after that *Friedrichs* ruling, the employees, backed by the National Right to Work Foundation, appealed to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in October 2016 which, as expected, upheld the lower court's decision – paving the way for an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. On June 6, 2017, a petition for Writ of Certiorari was filed and later accepted by SCOTUS. Now the 40-year old ruling in *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* which created the current system allowing mandatory fees paid to public unions could very well be overturned.

It's important to note that the case started with an executive order issued by Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, who sought to abolish mandatory collective bargaining pending review of its constitutionality. Since 2012, six states have passed laws strengthening workers' rights and freedom from having to pay

mandatory union fees. What is most notable is at least three of these states are “blue-to-purple” states with historic ties to organized labor, including Michigan, Wisconsin and West Virginia. Following these laws, teachers’ union membership dropped 20% in Michigan and 58% in Wisconsin. More state policymakers throughout the country are focused on the upcoming *Janus* case review. With teachers’ union-driven pension rules and union-backed laws that protect uniform pay scales, eschew performance pay and mandate teacher tenure, the elimination of mandatory fees could impact the unions’ ability to wage political battles to defend their turf and oppose proposals that put student achievement and parental choice at the center of every education improvement effort.

CER believes that the *Janus* case holds great potential for employees and could dramatically improve union-employee relationships. Overturning *Abood* will allow for teachers to associate as they see fit, providing teachers more freedom and independence to better serve their students. This will not bar union organizing but ensure unions prove their value to each member. Unions should celebrate the opportunity to prove their value to employees rather than relying on mandatory fees.

Instead, it is evident by the recent teachers’ union attacks on education reform that the unions fear the freedom *Janus* may bring to teachers, particularly as their funds are declining. Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, the nation’s second-largest teachers’ union, has also scoffed at the idea that teachers are entitled to the same First Amendment rights as other employees.

Historically, public support for mandatory agency fees is low, and most Americans are unaware that teachers are pressured to join unions and forced to pay union fees even when they decline to join. A June 2017 survey by Education Next found that teachers oppose mandatory fees 47% to 44%, while the general public is 44% to 37% opposed.

As the public’s attention turns to *Janus v. AFSCME*, it is important to note that this case is bigger than one public employee or one union – this case could improve

the learning experience for students by dramatically empowering teachers nationwide, and change the course of American education.

Members of the media interested in writing about this in any aspect, CER's team can provide insights and commentary, and connect reporters with parents, teachers and those on the ground who will be most affected by the outcome of the case.

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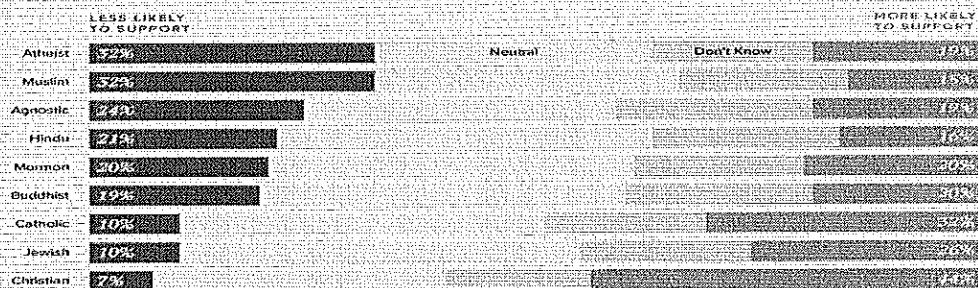
- Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) plans to resign from the Senate following calls from more than half of the Senate Democratic Caucus to quit amid allegations of sexual misconduct, according to an unnamed Democratic official. Franken's office said no final decision has been made, and the Minnesota Democrat plans to make an announcement from the Senate floor this morning. ([Star Tribune](#))
 - The House voted 231 to 198 to pass legislation that would let concealed carry license holders conceal a handgun in other states, with opposition from 14 Republicans and support from six Democrats. The measure, a top priority for the National Rifle Association, is strongly opposed by Senate Democrats. ([Politico](#))
 - President Donald Trump is set to meet today with Republican and Democratic leaders from the House and Senate to discuss a long-term budget deal as lawmakers prepare to pass a stopgap spending measure to avoid a government shutdown on Saturday. The House is expected to vote today on a bill that would keep the government open through Dec. 22, with the Senate expected to vote on the measure Friday. ([Bloomberg](#))
 - The Senate voted to begin negotiations with the House on competing bills that would overhaul the federal tax code, with the goal of resolving differences on issue such as deductions for medical expenses and state income taxes. The eight Senate GOP conferees include Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch of Utah, Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi of Wyoming, and Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. ([The Wall Street Journal](#))
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Chart Review

Americans Are Skeptical of Muslim, Atheist Candidates, but That Could Change Morning Consult

Atheists, Muslims Garner Least Support From Americans

Does knowing a candidate who is running for public office has the following background make you more or less likely to vote for them?



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Events Calendar (All Times Local)

THURSDAY

ACCF event on Trump's economic policy agenda	9:30 a.m.
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace event on sanctions for nonproliferation	10 a.m.
Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the Defense Department's acquisition reform efforts	10 a.m.
FBI director testifies before House Judiciary Committee	10 a.m.

CSIS event on OPEC's World Oil Outlook 2017

2 p.m.

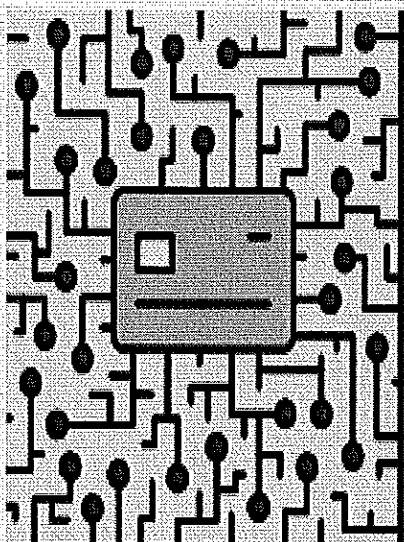
FRIDAY

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace event on China and the U.S.-Japan alliance

10:30 a.m.

Trump campaign rally in Pensacola, Fla.

7 p.m.



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General

Voters Back Government Shutdown to Renew Health Insurance Program for Kids
Jon Reid, Morning Consult

Two-thirds of voters in a new poll indicated support for shutting down the federal government until Congress reauthorizes the Children's Health Insurance Program, which lawmakers let expire in September amid partisan disagreements over how to pay for a funding extension. With funding for government operations set to expire on Friday absent congressional action, 67 percent of respondents said they support shutting down the government over CHIP, according to a Morning Consult/Politico poll conducted Dec. 1-3.

Flynn Said Russian Sanctions Would Be 'Ripped Up,' Whistle-Blower Says

Mark Mazzetti and Michael S. Schmidt, The New York Times

Michael T. Flynn, President Trump's former national security adviser, told a former business associate that economic sanctions against Russia would be "ripped up" as one of the Trump administration's first acts, according to an account by a whistle-blower made public on Wednesday. Mr. Flynn believed that ending the sanctions could allow a business project he had once participated in to move forward, according to the whistle-blower.

Republicans hammer Mueller, FBI as Russia investigation intensifies

Devlin Barrett and Sean Sullivan, The Washington Post

Republican activists and lawmakers are engaged in a multi-front attack on special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's probe of possible connections between associates of President Trump and Russian agents, trying to stop or curtail the investigation as it moves further into Trump's inner circle. For months, the president and his allies have been seizing on any whiff of possible impropriety by Mueller's team or the FBI to argue that the Russia probe is stacked against Trump - potentially building the political support needed to dismiss the special counsel.

Presidential

Trump to Meet Democrats With Congress on Track to Avoid Shutdown

Erik Wasson et al., Bloomberg

President Donald Trump will meet with congressional leaders from both parties Thursday to negotiate on a long-term budget deal as Congress prepares to pass a stopgap spending measure to avoid a U.S. government shutdown Saturday. The House is expected to vote on a two-week spending bill to keep the government open through Dec. 22, with Senate action coming by Friday.

U.S. 9th Circuit judges skeptical of Trump's travel ban

Maura Dolan, Los Angeles Times

Two days after the Supreme Court allowed President Trump to enforce his travel ban, a federal appeals court appeared skeptical that it complied with the law. During a hearing in Seattle before a three-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, a lawyer for the Trump administration argued the revised ban issued in September was based on careful study and tailored toward specific conditions in various countries.

Trump administration opposes unions in key Supreme Court case

Ian Kullgren, Politico

The Trump administration sided against public employee unions Wednesday evening in a Supreme Court case that could deal the labor movement a crippling financial blow. In a brief submitted in *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees*, the Office of Solicitor General sided with a child-support specialist for the state of Illinois who's challenging AFSCME's legal right to collect so-called "fair-share fees" from union nonmembers.

Trump Jr. Won't Provide Details of a Call With His Father

Sharon LaFraniere and Nicholas Fandos, The New York Times

Donald Trump Jr. refused on Wednesday to provide a congressional committee details of a July telephone conversation with his father about a

meeting last year at which Trump campaign officials had expected to receive damaging information from the Russian government about Hillary Clinton. Testifying in a closed session before the House Intelligence Committee, Mr. Trump claimed that his conversation over the summer with his father, two days after The New York Times disclosed the June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower in Manhattan, was protected under attorney-client privilege because lawyers for both men were on the call.

Haley: 'Open question' if US athletes can attend Olympics in South Korea

Sophie Tatum, CNN

Whether US athletes will be able to attend the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea remains an "open question," US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said Wednesday night. The Winter Olympics are set to be held Feb. 9-25 in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Senate

Sen. Al Franken plans a morning announcement on the Senate floor

Jennifer Brooks et al., Star Tribune

Democratic Party leaders united Wednesday in calling for Sen. Al Franken to resign from the U.S. Senate, an extraordinary rebuke to the Minnesota Democrat as he faced a new allegation of sexual harassment. Franken planned to make an announcement about his future Thursday morning on the Senate floor.

Senate Votes to Begin Tax-Overhaul Negotiations With House
Richard Rubin, The Wall Street Journal

The U.S. Senate voted Wednesday to start formal tax-bill negotiations with the House of Representatives as lawmakers began grappling with the delicate balance they must strike to advance final legislation through

both chambers and to the president by Christmas. Republicans are weighing a number of changes that would expand tax cuts and force offsetting adjustments.

Bredesen running for Senate
Cari Wade Gervin, Nashville Post

Former Gov. Phil Bredesen is entering the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. According to multiple sources, Bredesen began calling major donors this afternoon to confirm that he is in the race.

Indiana GOP Senate candidate voted Democrat until 2012
Brian Slodysko, The Associated Press

A wealthy Indiana Senate candidate who bills himself in television ads as a conservative Republican voted for more than a decade in the state's Democratic primaries, according to public documents obtained by The Associated Press. Records from the Dubois County Clerk's office, where candidate Mike Braun is registered to vote, show the 63-year-old consistently cast Democratic ballots in partisan primary elections until 2012.

House

House passes concealed carry gun bill in win for GOP and NRA
John Bresnahan, Politico

The House passed legislation to permit concealed carry license holders to conceal a handgun in other states, the first time Congress has taken action on a gun bill since President Donald Trump was sworn into office. The "Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act," a top priority for the National Rifle Association and other gun-rights groups, passed 231-198.

House Republicans Weigh Linking Debt Ceiling Increase to Spending Bill

Kristina Peterson and Kate Davidson, The Wall Street Journal

A group of House Republicans is considering pushing to raise the government's borrowing limit as part of the next long-term spending bill, a move that could help dispatch one of the thorniest issues for GOP lawmakers before next year's primary elections intensify. Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, a member of House GOP leadership and the head of a working group of House Republicans on the debt limit, said lawmakers were considering increasing the debt ceiling as part of the bill funding the government for the rest of the fiscal year, known as an omnibus.

Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018

Jeff Stein, The Washington Post

House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) said Wednesday that congressional Republicans will aim next year to reduce spending on both federal health care and anti-poverty programs, citing the need to reduce America's deficit. "We're going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit," Ryan said during an appearance on Ross Kaminsky's talk radio show.

Kihuen Mum on Re-Election Question

Bridget Bowman, Roll Call

Nevada Democratic Rep. Ruben Kihuen declined to answer questions Wednesday morning about whether he will run for re-election. "We're going to be making another statement here in the next few days," Kihuen told Roll Call as he walked to the Capitol.

Andy Levin running to replace father Sandy Levin in 9th Congressional district

Lauren Gibbons, MLive.com

Andy Levin, the son of sitting U.S. Rep. Sandy Levin and the former head of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, has

announced his bid to replace his father in Washington, D.C. Andy Levin, of Bloomfield Twp., is the founder of a clean energy business and directed worker training as part of his role with the state of Michigan under former Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

John Conyers III was arrested for domestic abuse but not prosecuted

Andrew Blankstein and Alex Johnson, NBC News

John Conyers III, a Detroit hedge fund manager named as a possible successor to his scandal-rocked father, Rep. John Conyers, was arrested in Los Angeles this year on suspicion of domestic violence, but prosecutors declined to charge him, according to documents obtained by NBC News. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office cited a "lack of independent witnesses" and their conclusion that it "could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the victim's injury was not accidentally sustained" while he was disarming her, according to case paperwork.

States

Race where Republican leads by 10 votes instrumental to deciding Va. politics' fate

Fenit Nirappil, The Washington Post

It was "Take Your State Legislator to School Day" in this coastal Virginia city. And two of them showed up.

Independent Greg Orman reshuffles the race for Kansas governor

Bryan Lowry and Jonathan Shorman, The Kansas City Star

A Johnson County businessman with tens of millions in assets took the first major steps Wednesday toward an independent candidacy for governor. Greg Orman, who mounted a failed bid for U.S. Senate in 2014,

filed paperwork with the state to establish a campaign committee and begin fundraising.

Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez, a Democrat, is running for governor

Patrick Svitek, The Texas Tribune

Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez announced Wednesday morning that she is running for governor, giving Texas Democrats a serious candidate for the top job with five days until the candidate filing deadline for the 2018 primaries. "Like so many hardworking Texans, I know it's tough deciding between buying food, finding a decent place to live, and setting aside money for college tuition," Valdez said in a statement before filing at the Texas Democratic Party headquarters in Austin.

Gay man who was denied marriage license by Kim Davis is running for her job

Adam Beam, The Associated Press

David Ermold returned to the Rowan County courthouse Wednesday, nearly two years after Clerk Kim Davis refused to give him a marriage license because he was gay. Only this time, he did not want a license.

Illinois governor's race haunted by 2016 presidential primary
Natasha Korecki, Politico

An inevitable candidate. Accusations of a rigged primary.

Advocacy

Lobbyists push GOP in last-minute scramble to save tax breaks
Theodoric Meyer et al., Politico

Lobbyists have launched an all-out effort to save tax breaks and protect powerful industries as the Republicans' tax overhaul lurches toward

President Donald Trump's desk. Builders and real estate interests are pushing to save the mortgage interest deduction.

Outdoors industry groups ratchet up Trump criticism **Devin Henry, The Hill**

President Trump's decision this week to shrink two national monuments escalated a fight between the outdoors industry and his administration. Retailers such as Patagonia and REI slammed Trump's decision, equating it to theft, while lining up to challenge its legality.

Inside Oracle's cloak-and-dagger political war with Google **Tony Romm, Recode**

The story that appeared in Quartz this November seemed shocking enough on its own: Google had quietly tracked the location of its Android users, even those who had turned off such monitoring on their smartphones. But missing from the news site's report was another eyebrow-raising detail: Some of its evidence, while accurate, appears to have been furnished by one of Google's fiercest foes: Oracle.

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Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

I Believe Franken's Accusers Because He Groped Me, Too **Tina Dupuy, The Atlantic**

In mid-November, a Los Angeles radio host named Leeann Tweeden stepped forward to claim that Senator Al Franken had shoved his tongue

down her throat under the pretext of a rehearsal for a sketch he'd written. The coup de grace was a photograph of a sleeping Tweeden and the now-senator pretending to grab her boobs for the camera.

Trump, Israel and the Art of the Giveaway
Thomas L. Friedman, The New York Times

I'm contemplating writing a book on the first year of President Trump's foreign policy, and I already know the name: "The Art of the Giveaway." In nearly 30 years of covering United States foreign policy, I've never seen a president give up so much to so many for so little, starting with China and Israel.

Why Donald Trump Would Regret Firing Robert Mueller
Karl Rove, The Wall Street Journal

They came like rapid-fire rifle shots. On Friday, former national security adviser Mike Flynn copped a deal, pleading guilty to making false statements to the FBI and promising to cooperate with Special Counsel Robert Mueller in return for avoiding more-serious charges.

A Message from the Electronic Payments Coalition:

NEW REPORT: EMV adoption is critical to reduce counterfeit fraud in the U.S. Learn how EPC members are developing and implementing new technologies to make your life more secure.

Research Reports and Polling

The 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress
The Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (AHAR) in two parts. Part 1 provides Point-in-Time (PIT) estimates, offering a snapshot of homelessness-both sheltered and unsheltered- on a single night.



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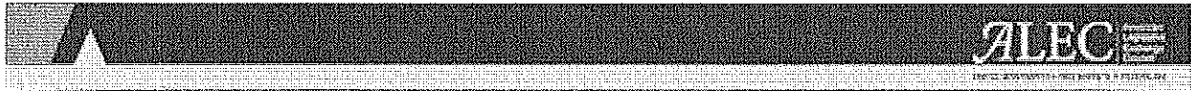
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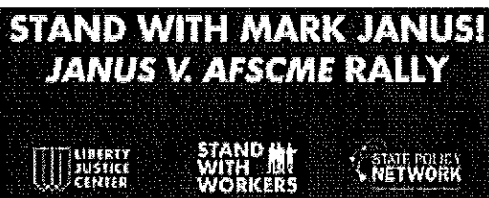


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